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WEATHER FORECAST.
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July 14th, 1912, Temperature a.m. 81, p.m. 87; Humidity...86, 72.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE OLYMPIAD.

ANOTHER U. S. VICTORY.

Router's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, July 13, 4.5 p.m.
Received, 14, 3.25 a.m.

In the three-thousand metres team race, America secured the premier honours, Sweden being second, and Great Britain third. America won easily.

Belgium won the Epee individual fencing competition.

In the four hundred metres race, Reidpath, of America came in first, Braun, of Germany being second, and Lindburg, of America, third. The race was won by inches, the time being 48 2/10 sec. This is a record. The race was run within strings.

In the swimming race of four hundred metres, free style, Hodgson of Canada, made a world's record in the preliminaries, his time being 5 min. 25 2/5 sec.

In the final for the hundred metres back stroke, Heblner, of America was first, his time being 1 min. 21 1/5 sec.

The water-polo final resulted in a victory for England over Austria by eight goals to nil.

RIDING EVENTS.

Later.

In the military long distance cross-country ride Germany won first place with 60 points; England and Sweden tied for second place with 59.85 points each; America was third with 59.02 points.

In the individual prize riding competition, Kenna and Scott each got 20 points.

THROWING THE HAMMER.

In the final of the throwing the hammer competition, all the places were secured by Americans, McGrath being first by covering 54.74 metres, Gillis second at 48.39 metres, and Childs third at 48.17 metres.

SWIMMING.

The 400 metres free-style swimming resulted as follows:—1. Hodgson (Canada), time 5 min 24 2/5 sec; 2. Hatfield (England), 5 min 25 4/5 sec; 3. Hardwick (Australia), 5 min 31 1/5 sec.

THE MARATHON.

The Marathon Race resulted as follows:—

1. K. McArthur (South Africa)... 1
2. G. Strohman (South Africa)... 2
3. G. Strohman (America)... 3

Then came the following in the order named:—Sokoloski (America), Duffy (Canada), Jacobson (Sweden), Gallagher, Exle, ben, Pizzotti and Forschaw (America), Fabre (Canada), Pamar (America), Boissiere (France), Green (England), Forsyth (Canada), Towanima (American Indian).

It was a sweltering hot day. Kolomannin (Finland), Githam and McArthur led throughout. In the early part of the race they were close together, but Kolomannin became crooked at Sharp's Hill on the return journey. None of the others were at any time dangerous.

The times of the first three men were:—McArthur, 2 hrs, 36 min 54 1/5 sec; Githam, 2 hrs, 37 min 52 sec; Strohman, 2 hrs, 38 min, 42 2/5 sec.

At the start Kolomannin went immediately to the front, closely followed by the South Africans. Then came the Swedes with the Americans.

Mc. Arthur reached the target dazed and staggering and, when given the signal to halt, collapsed. Githam stayed for a few fatal moments to drink water at the foot of a long hill close home.

The result was greeted with a roar of enthusiasm. The King, Queen, and Crown Prince were among the first to congratulate the South African nation on their splendid performance.

TELEGRAMS.

HANLEY ELECTION.

LIBERAL VICTORY.

Router's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, July 14.
Received, 15, 12.25 p.m.

The bye-election at Hanley, caused by the death of Mr. Enoch Edwards, Labour M.P., resulted as follows:—

Outwater (L)... 6,017
Rittner (C)... 5,903
Finney (Lab)... 1,694

[At the last General Election the late Mr. Edwards polled 8,311 to Mr. Rittner's 4,658.]

THE INSURANCE ACT.

LLOYD GEORGE'S BELIEF.

London, July 13, 5.20 p.m.
Received, 14, 5.25 a.m.

Mr Lloyd George, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressed a great meeting in the Kennington Theatre on the Insurance Act, and was ovated. An incident occurred when the Chancellor was entering by the stage-door. Mr. Lloyd George's hat was hit by a youth, who exclaimed that if he had done what he wanted, he would have "laid him out." The Chancellor was unaffected and smiled. During the course of his speech, he said he had not pretended that the millennium was here, but the Act had brought it nearer. He was not afraid of passive resistance and if the Tories persuaded their friends to break the law, they would soon have a splendid non-contributory scheme (applause). There were at present nine and a half million members of approved societies (cheers).

RUBBER COLLECTION.

TERRIBLE ATROCITIES.

London, July 13, 5.50 p.m.
Received, 14, 5.30 a.m.

In a Blue-book, Sir Roger Casement issues a report, in which he says that most barbarous cruelties are being perpetrated on natives of the British West Indies who are collecting rubber in Peru. He alleges wholesale flogging with tapir-hide thongs, including women and children, the cutting off of legs, ears and arms, the pouring on of kerosene and then the burning of men and women, and other unthinkable atrocities.

PORTUGUESE ROYALISTS.

BAND NEAR LISBON.

London, July 13.
Received, 6.4 p.m.

Router's correspondent at Lisbon states that a band of Royalists has appeared at Delas, twelve miles from Lisbon, and have cut the telegraph lines. Many have been arrested, and quantities of weapons and munitions have been seized.

THE DOCK STRIKE.

London, July 13.
Mr. Asquith has had a private conference with Lord Devonport concerning the strike situation.

FLYING RECORD.

400 MILES OVER SEA.

London, July 13, 4.5 p.m.
Received, 14, 3.25 a.m.

Router's correspondent at Hamburg states that the albatross Victoria Louise has made a record over-sea trip, the distance covered being four hundred miles.

TELEGRAMS.

CRUISER AGROUND.

KLEBER DAMAGED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, July 15, 9.20 a.m.
Received, 9.30 a.m.

The French cruiser, Kleber, has gone aground in the Inland Sea, Japan. Her propeller is damaged and there is a hole in her hull. She is going into dock at Kobe and later at Taikoo, Hongkong.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

SATISFACTORY CONFERENCES.

Router's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, July 13, 2.40 p.m.
Received, 14, 1.25 a.m.

The Canadians have again conferred with the Defence Committee, and progress is described as being most satisfactory. Their Majesties lunched with Mr. Borden and the other Canadians at Buckingham Palace. Those present included Mr. Asquith, Ministers and Lord Strathearn.

POLICE RAID ON NEWSBOYS.

Owing to the arrest of one of the boys by the police yesterday afternoon, many of the boys became frightened and returned to this office with their papers unsold.

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Hongkong, July 2, 1912.

PANAMA CANAL.

BRITAIN'S OBJECTION.

Router's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, July 13, 2.50 p.m.
Received, 11.30 p.m.

Router's Washington correspondent states that Mr. Knox has communicated to the Senate Great Britain's formulated objections to preference being given to American ships in connection with the Panama Canal toll, whether refunds are made or otherwise. The Note says, the proposal is contrary to the letter and spirit of the treaty.

SENATE OBSTINATE.

Later.

Router's Washington correspondent states that the Senate, by 40 votes to 34, has decided to make the Panama Canal Bill an "unfinished business." This is tantamount to a refusal of Great Britain's request to defer further consideration pending diplomatic negotiations. There is a growing feeling of sympathy with Great Britain's attitude, and many are feeling that it would be a fatal mistake to alienate Great Britain by antagonistic legislation.

TELEGRAMS.

SHANGHAI BLAZE.

GODOWN DESTROYED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, July 15, 9.20 a.m.
Received, 9.30 a.m.

A five-storey godown on the French concession here was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

FRENCH FRANCHISE.

IMPORTANT MANIFESTO.

Router's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, July 13, 4 a.m.
Received, 4.43 p.m.

A committee for the defence of universal suffrage, has been organised by M. Combes and M. Clemenceau who have issued a manifesto denouncing proportional representation. It declares that henceforth the majority principle must succumb to the blows of the victorious minorities. Then popular disgust will proceed to acts of violence, hence the formation of the Committee. It is necessary to bring the revolutionaries, Royalists and clericals into their proper place as minorities.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHINESE REPUBLIC.

PROVINCIAL PROTEST.

(From Chinese Sources.)

Peking, July 14.

The Provincial authorities have opposed the idea of President Yuan empowering the local Customs Commissioners to supervise the disbandment of troops in the provinces.

NEW MINISTERS.

Chiu Ping-kwan, Minister of Internal Affairs, is resolved to resign. President Yuan will appoint Shum Ping-kwan as his successor.—"Shat Po."

CONFUCIANISM.

Shanghai, July 14.

The Ministry of Education has raised the question of disallowing the schools to worship Confucius on the ground that he was not a master of religion.

FOUR UNIVERSITIES.

The Ministry of Education intends to establish universities in Peking, Hankow, Nanking and Canton.

CANTON'S GOVERNOR.

President Yuan has formally confirmed the appointments of the Governor-Generals of the various provinces, with the exception of Wu Han-man, the pro-Canton.

HONAN REVOLT.

Chang Chun-long, Governor-General of Honan, has reported by wire to President Yuan, the mutiny of six regiments of troops in Lok-yang. The mutinous troops have occupied the districts of Ling-po, Yin-so, etc., and destroyed the railways between Honan and Lok-yang. President Yuan, in reply, has ordered the Governor-General to suppress the mutiny, and has given instructions for the transference of two divisions of troops from Peking to the disturbed districts in order to assist in the suppression of the revolt.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

President Yuan has accepted the resignations of Choy Yuan-piu, Sun Kan-yun, Wong Chung-wai, and Wong Ching-ting, former Cabinet Ministers under ex-Premier Tang, and well-known members of the Jointly Sworn Union.—"Shat Po."

DR. WU'S POST.

Peking, July 14.

President Yuan intends to appoint Dr. Wu Ting-fang as Governor-General of Kwei-chow, and has referred the matter to the State Council for consideration.

MANCHU PRINCE.

ARRESTED.

Prince Tsai Tso, alleged to be one of the members of the Manchou Terrorist Society, has been arrested in Feng-tien.

KOREAN REQUEST.

Five hundred Koreans residing at Vladivostok have requested the Chinese Government to naturalize them as Chinese subjects.

MILITARY ATTACHES.

Premier Lu intends to appoint military attaches to the Chinese legations abroad in the same way as foreign nations.

NEEDED ADVICE.

President Yuan has wired to the provincial authorities asking them to strictly observe and rigidly adhere to the Treaty stipulations with the foreign powers.—"Shat Po."

TELEGRAMS.

U. S. RAILWAY SMASH.

MANY KILLED.

Router's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, July 14, 10.20 p.m.
Received, 15, 10 a.m.

Router's Chicago correspondent wires that the overland express collided with a fast mail train in a suburb of Chicago during fog. Thirteen bodies have so far been recovered.

Many passengers were injured.

HOME CRICKET.

WEEK-END RESULTS.

London, July 13, 8 p.m.
Received, 14, 6.5 p.m.

Northants beat Somerset at Northampton by ten wickets. Yorkshire beat Kent at Tunbridge Wells by an innings and 45 runs.

Lancashire drew with Notts at Nottingham.

The match between Gentlemen and Players at the Oval resulted in a draw.

Essex beat Harrow at Lord's by six wickets.

The Australians drew with Scotland at Edinburgh.

HOME INVESTMENTS.

LEGISLATION EFFECTS.

London, July 13, 4 a.m.
Received, 4.43 p.m.

Speaking at the Mansion House banquet, Mr. A. G. Cole, Governor of the Bank of England, said the feeling of insecurity concerning the future of home investments continued. It was impossible to injure one portion of the community without the rest suffering. Browning and landed interests had of recent years been subjected to special taxation, yet they were not alone hit. The largest depreciation in securities in the case of the Birkbeck Bank was brewery investments, namely four hundred thousand. A catastrophe in the North of England, owing to similar depreciation, was averted with difficulty last August. The depreciation in Consols demanded the serious attention of the Government. It was the payment of death duties, totalling 129 million pounds in six years, that had forced down gilt-edged stocks.

Mr. Cole concluded by stating that the general trade outlook of the Empire was good.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

Telegrams.

The Olympic Marathon race has been won by K. McArthur (South Africa).

A five-storey godown in the French concession at Shanghai has been destroyed by fire.

The Liberals have won Hanley bye-election, where there was a quarrel between the Liberal and Labour factions.

The French cruiser Kleber went ashore in the Inland Sea, Japan, damaging her propeller and becoming holed in the hull.

Through the combined efforts of the French cruiser Jules Ferry and Government tugs, the P. and O. steamer Persia has been refloated.

According to a report by Sir R. Casement, British Consul General at Rio de Janeiro, most barbarous cruelties have been inflicted on natives of the West Indies engaged in collecting rubber in Peru.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

Telegrams.

In the Davis Cup Competition, Dixon beat Gobert. England have now to meet America.

A band of Portuguese Royalists has appeared near Lisbon, but many have been arrested.

A Chicago message states that the overland express has collided with a fast mail train. So far 13 bodies have been recovered.

The Canadian Ministers in London have again conferred with the Imperial Defence Committee, and the progress made is described as most satisfactory.

Speaking at the Mansion House banquet, the Governor of the Bank of England dealt with the depreciation in securities brought about by recent legislation, and declared that the depreciation in Consols demanded the attention of the Government.

Mr. Lloyd George received an ovation at a meeting in Kennington Theatre which he addressed on the subject of the Insurance Act. He said that if the Tories persuaded their friends to break the law they would soon have a splendid non-contributory scheme.

Oil-soaked rags and matches have been found in pillar-boxes in Liverpool, believed to be the work of Suffragists; while two well-dressed women have been arrested in Mr. Harcourt's mansion, one having methylated spirits in her possession.

The U. S. Senate has come to a decision over the Panama Canal Bill which is tantamount to a refusal of Britain's request to defer further consideration thereof pending diplomatic negotiations. Feeling of sympathy with Britain's attitude.

LOCAL.

The 123rd anniversary of the fall of the Bastille was celebrated at the French Consulate yesterday.

Lamp thieves are again busy. A number of lamps have been taken from West Point and Yau-mati.

The Rev. Fr. Spada has reported to the police that a thief has forced an entrance to his quarters and stolen some things.

A woman who tried to bribe a Chinese constable by offering him 20 cents when he arrested her was fined \$5 for so doing.

A woman has been removed to the hospital from Yau-mati suffering from a stab wound. A man is now in custody in connection with the affair.

This morning Commodore Anstruther, O.M.G., who fills the office vacated by Commodore Eyres, made an official landing at Blakes Pier.

A fine of \$250 was imposed on an accountant at the Police Court, to-day for being in unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

The Governor of Macao and Mme. Machado arrived in the Colony last evening. They are to proceed to Portugal to-morrow by the s.s. Oceanian and will be on leave for about a year.

L. Sgt. Wills in giving evidence in an ammunition case, at the Police Court, this morning said the boys on the "Empress" boats were continually smuggling arms and ammunition from America.

An American named Charles Frederick White, mariner, was remanded in bail of \$400, at the Police Court, this morning. The charge against him was misappropriating monies of the West End Hotel, of the Astor House Hotel.

It is said that the man Li Hun Hong will be defended at the forthcoming Criminal Sessions which commence on Thursday next. It is also stated that the money is to be provided for the defence from subscriptions by Chinese.

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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

The Outlook.

Intensely optimistic is Mr. Lloyd George. He is the Chancellor of the Exchequer and one of his duties is to make the most of the nation's prosperity and progress. However well developed the fruits of British activity may seem when they are plucked, it is not an easy matter to reconcile the cheery remarks of the Chancellor, as reported by "Routledge" to-day, with the dark period of trial and stress which has almost forced the country to its knees. The past twelve months of political strife and labour unrest have written a black page in the history of the nation. Never has capital been more sorely tried nor the temper of the people more thoroughly roused. Never, perhaps, has danger more grave threatened trade and commerce, through whose channels flows the life-blood of the nation. The storm has by no means subsided, though there is evidence that the waters are less troubled; yet, through it all, the Chancellor bobs up to tell us with a smile that the millennium is approaching and that the country has reached a degree of unparalleled prosperity. He even says that this happy condition of affairs is based on sound and healthy circumstances likely to continue. Unfortunately there is another side to the story. Governor of the Bank of England states that there is a feeling of insecurity concerning future home investments and attributes this to special taxation causing a depreciation of securities by which other than those taxed have been severely hit.

China Mail.

British Engineering Trade in Russia.

The relations between Great Britain and Russia become closer day by day, and therefore it is interesting, says a correspondent in Engineering, to observe what British machinery manufacturers have done to increase their export to Russia, and what could be done. Dealing in the present case with the power-driving plants only, it must be pointed out that many of the Russian cotton-mills were driven originally by English horizontal or vertical single-cylinder steam-engines. The boilers were of different types, partly English, partly Russian. During the last fifteen years cheap wood fuel, increasing in price owing to its exhaustion, has been replaced by dearer oil, coal, or even coal; the latter had to be carried 600 miles by rail, and the former 1,700 miles by tank, sea, and river vessels.

Daily Press.

The Currency Problem.

Among the mass of reforms that call for accomplishment before China, even as a democratic Republic, can claim to have approached to the levels of modern civilization there is none more urgent than that of the standardization of the currency, though it may be added that there are few questions presenting more difficulty. The present situation can be dismissed in a few words, for it has been described scores of times before. There are at least six units of currency in China—the tael, dollar, 20-cent piece, 10-cent piece, copper cent, and cash—with no fixed or definite relationship between them. As though this was not enough, the coins or units vary in value in almost every town, and the dollars or small silver of one province are useless in the next. This wide variations in the tael are sometimes picturesquely illustrated by saying that a traveller who started with a certain sum of money and exchanged it at every town into the tael recognized there would find the whole sum vanished after he had crossed three provinces. A mathematical purist would probably be able to detect a fallacy in this, but the main idea is true. The less true, though expressed in an exaggerated form, then, too, there are the complications of clean and shopped dollars, tael, and tael cash, Chinese and Annamite.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Cable Letters to Australia.

It is announced from Sydney that the Pacific Cable Board has under consideration a system of cable letters between Australasia and the United Kingdom, similar to that in operation across the Atlantic. It is known by the name of week-end cable letters, and is of great advantage to merchants and private persons who want something between a letter and a cable. The manager in the Pacific for the Cable Board states that the views of the various Governments concerned are being obtained with respect to the proposal. The idea is to transmit ordinary plain language cables during the slack hours of the week-end, as the present traffic over the lines on Saturday afternoon and Sunday is very light. The Atlantic companies, he said, charged at the rate of a fifth of the ordinary rates, and it was possible, if the scheme was adopted, that the same proportion would be maintained over the "All Red" lines.

A Small Loan the Best.
The American Minister has advised the Chinese Government to borrow a small loan instead of a large loan. Premier Lu Chen-shiang and Hsiung Hsi-ling are dissatisfied with the clauses of the loan agreement, which were drafted by the syndicate to advance the 6,000,000 monthly, until October. A loan of 100,000,000 will be negotiated to repay the advances. The representatives of the syndicate refused to consider the proposition and declared that if the negotiation of the large loan be suspended further advances will not be made.

Manila Crime Statistics.
More than 20,000 persons were tried in the Manila municipal court during the last year according to the annual report just made public. Of these 3,220 were women and the rest males. Four hundred and forty-six were Americans, but the great majority were Filipinos and Chinese.

"Saturday Review" Libel Suit.
An action brought by Mr. Harold Hodge, editor of the "Saturday Review" against Mr. Abel Chapman, joint author of "Unexplored Spain," was settled before Mr. Justice Darling in the King's Bench Division on Wednesday. The "Saturday Review" had published a criticism of the book written by Colonel Verner, and the defendant wrote to the editor saying the reviewer had "pursued a systematic course of falsehood and unscrupulous malicious disparagement" towards him. He also charged the editor with mala fides.

The case came up on June 15 and his Lordship suggested that a settlement might be possible. On the following day it was announced that this had been effected. All imputations on either side were withdrawn and the defendant agreed to pay Mr. Hodge's costs.

Boxer Deported from Manila.
George Gilmore, the boxer, better known as "Slim" Gilmore, has pleaded guilty to vagrancy at the Manila Court. He has appeared in several boxing contests at local athletic clubs recently, but it is claimed by the police that he has no legal means of support.

The sentence in his case will be suspended on condition that he leave the islands, never to return, and it is probable that he will accept the conditions. Before his arrival in the Philippines Gilmore had lived for some time in Honolulu, where he had made a record as a boxer.

Murder of Children in Formosa.
It is reported from Taipei (Formosa), that on July 1 while the campfire collectors of the Shinhiku camphor manufactory were absent from their huts collecting camphor, a gang of aborigines suddenly appeared and entered the camphor house, where they decapitated eight children, who were playing at the time in the factory.

Peking European Arrested.
Rudolf Eisner, a clerk employed in the Austrian Legation, Peking, has been arrested in the French Consulate at Peking on a Consular Warrant charged with appropriating a large sum of money. Accused is now confined in the British Consular Goal pending instructions from the Austrian authorities.

WORLD'S NEWS.

AUSTRALIA.

Queensland Bill Against Strikes.
The Government of Queensland has introduced a Bill which provides for the secret ballot of all persons concerned in a proposed strike, and makes it compulsory to give a fortnight's notice before striking.

The New Hebrides.
Mr. Mahaffy, formerly Assistant Commissioner in the Solomon Islands, sailed recently for the New Hebrides as the new British Resident. The appointment is regarded by the public as satisfactory.

The Low Birth-Rate.
Lord Denman, the Governor-General, opening the Commonwealth Parliament said: "Although there has been a very marked increase in immigration, to which the land tax and the general policy of my advisers have largely contributed, they regard the rate of increase of the population with the deepest concern. The birth-rate is too low for a young country. My advisers, considering men and women the greatest assets of a nation, have decided to propose a maternity grant to the mothers of children born in the Commonwealth."

Naval Defence.
Mr. Borden, replying at Montreal to a question concerning the Navy said: "The attitude of the Government has already been laid down in the House of Commons. They are perfectly prepared, as a temporary measure, to contribute liberally to the British Government, but, if the programme involve something of a permanent nature, then the subject requires most serious consideration. Our policy must be guided by the gravity of the question. Canada is anxious and willing to take a full share in its defence, but I cannot express a further opinion until after my visit to England and consultation with the Admiralty."

The Marriage Law.
The Supreme Court has delivered judgment declaring the Federal Parliament incompetent to pass a general marriage law for the Dominion. The judgment of the Court is unanimous in confirming the decision in the Herbert case that a Protestant clergyman can officiate at mixed marriages while the majority of the Judges go further and declare that a Protestant clergyman can solemnize a marriage between two Roman Catholics. It is certain that the judgment will go to the Privy Council, although under the law as declared by the Supreme Court no legal grievances arise out of the application of the No. Tenno decree to Canada.

The Abor Expedition.
The Commander-in-Chief in India, forwarding to the Government Major-General Bower's report on the Abor Expedition, remarks that in spite of great physical difficulties the main objects of the expedition have been accomplished. The principal persons implicated in the murder of Mr. Williamson have been punished, and a considerable amount of exploration and survey work has been carried out.

NORTHERN NIGERIA.
Murder of a British Engineer.
A punitive expedition is to be despatched against the Maori, a race of cannibal pagans inhabiting the Ninkada district, a wild region south of the Bauchi plateau, who recently murdered Mr. Campbell, a Scottish engineer, who was prospecting for tin on behalf of a London syndicate.

SOUTH AFRICA.
The Union Parliament.
The Government proposes to reduce the number of Cabinet portfolios to nine, and a section in favour of a further reduction to eight. It is proposed as a first step to strike the salary of the Minister for Public Works off the estimates. The main general estimates, amounting to over £18,000,000, have been adopted. The Minors' Phthisis Compensation Bill was read in the Senate for a third time on Tuesday.

GERMANY.
The Declining Birth-rate.
The statistics of births and deaths in the German Empire during 1911, although the returns are not yet complete, will be very unsatisfactory. In Prussia the excess of births over deaths was

480,333, as compared with 581,465 in 1910. In Bavaria, where the returns have just been issued, the excess of births over deaths was 73,656, as compared with 84,682 in 1910. Thus the falling off in the growth of the population in Prussia and Bavaria together was more than 100,000. It seems certain that the returns for the whole Empire will show an increase of population of less than three-quarters of a million—the least favourable return for nearly 20 years. The Ministry of the Interior has issued a rescript to the provincial Governors requiring them to obtain information from doctors, clergy, teachers, lawyers, and others regarding the cause of the fall in the birth-rate. The main questions are whether the limitation of families is intentional and, if so, what are the principal social and economic causes, and whether the birth-rate is falling among the working as well as among the middle classes.

PORTUGAL.
Captain Couceiro Sentenced.
Captain Paiva Couceiro, who acted as leader in the Monarchist invasion at Vinhais on October 5, 1911, was tried, in absentia, on June 17 and sentenced to six years' cellular imprisonment or ten years in the first class. The Court in giving judgment explained that this sentence was less heavy than it might have been, as Captain Couceiro was found to have served his country formerly as a valiant officer.

UNITED STATES.
Boat Accommodation in Ships.
Mr. Nagel, Secretary of Trade and Commerce, has approved the regulations for the steamboat inspection service, requiring that all ocean-going steamers entering American ports must in future be equipped with a sufficient number of lifeboats to carry at one time every passenger and number of the crew.

THE GERMAN LOAN.

Important Letter.

With reference to the loan of M.5,000,000 contracted by Mr. Hsiung Hsi-ling through Messrs. Diederichsen & Co., to relieve the stringency in Nanking, Shanghai, etc., Mr. Diederichsen is reported to have addressed a letter to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, reminding it that the loan must be redeemed in due time. In view of the fact that Mr. Hsiung signed the agreement and guaranteed the loan, the Chamber has sent a letter to Mr. Hsiung, as follows:—

"By usage in other countries, loans of a national character can be registered at the banks, and their bonds or certificates are negotiable in the market. The loan in question has really been obtained in the name of ten members of the Chamber's Committee. It is the first time that the citizens have ever concerned themselves in such a matter. Now, as the said firm has addressed the Chamber a letter, saying that the banks held aloof during the flotation of this loan; that the money was mostly furnished from private sources; and that, in consequence, they have been adversely affected to no small extent; the Chamber believes these allegations to be true, and, inasmuch as the term six months is a short one, preparatory steps may be taken in advance for the timely redemption of this loan, although there is a provision in the agreement for extension."

The Rice Trouble in Osaka.
The Osaka Police, who have been very closely watching the transactions on the Osaka Rice Exchange since the beginning of the recent upward movement in the price of rice, recently sent an Inspector with a number of detectives to the Exchange. The officers made various investigations at the offices of some of the brokers at the Exchange.

Alarmed by this activity on the part of the police, the quotations for the next delivery on the morning session dropped by 31 sen. In the afternoon the police became still more active in their attentions, and although some brokers offered rice at more than ¥1 lower than previous prices, they could not find buyers. Business generally became disordered, and eventually transactions were temporarily suspended.—"Japan Chronicle."

PIONEER-CHINESE COMPANY.

Insurance and National Finance.

The China United Assurance Co., Ltd., was inaugurated on July 1 by a reception held in the offices of the company on the ground floor of the Masonic Hall, Shanghai. The Board of the Directors is composed almost entirely of men who took a prominent part in the Revolution, and one of their objects is to initiate the accumulation of capital, in order to further the general advancement of the financial system of the country. The whole of the capital will be native, the amount of it being Tls. 1,000,000 nominal and \$250,000 gold. Among those present at the reception were Mr. Chu Pao-san, General Wang Tisang, newly appointed Governor of Kuangsi, Gen. Hsu Ko-ching, Wang Chai-shun, ex-viceroy of Szechuan, Mr. Wang Chun-fu, director of the Tungninghui Society, Mr. Kao Dsan, Mr. A. J. Hughes, and Mr. F. Deffries, all of whom are directors of the company. Dr. Wu Ting-fang, Yao Yu-bing, Major General of Cantonese troops, Mr. Chen Kuang-fu, manager of the Kiangsu Bank, and Sung Hui-sang, manager of the Chinese Government Bank.

First Company of its Kind.
Dr. Wu Ting-fang said he believed that this was the first Chinese company of the kind started in China, although there were similar institutions in Shanghai under foreign supervision, the majority of the shareholders of which were foreigners. Those companies were paying very well and there was no reason why the Chinese company should not do as well. One company now had magnificent buildings and, being started in a small way fourteen years ago, it now had assets amounting to seven millions of dollars. If the China United were properly founded and carried on, there was no reason why it should not be an equal success. The company he had referred to depended a good deal on the patronage of the Chinese people, and friendly rivalry would be good for them both. Life insurance was a new thing in China; a recent growth. It was something which the Chinese could not understand a few years ago. The idea had spread, and with such a large population to draw upon, the China United would be a pioneer company and one with a great future before it. (Applause). Good management and properly audited accounts would ensure success.

To Educate Chinese Actuaries.
Mr. A. J. Hughes, Manager of the Company, in the course of a brief address said that he hoped to do valuable work for China in giving a technical training to some clever Chinese gentleman who would in time become members of the actuarial profession. A good deal of educational work had already been done by the Equitable Life, the Standard Life, the China Mutual, and other foreign companies, but very little was yet known in China as to the importance of large capitalistic companies in the economic welfare of a nation. The promoters had been inspired by the immense power to be derived from big accumulations of capital, as in foreign countries. With regard to the name of the company, the old Wah An—a part of the name of which they were using—was still in existence and would be continued as an entirely separate concern as long as any of its policies were in force, though no new business would be written. The company had been placed under their management. Speeches were also made by General Hsu Ko-ching and Mr. Wong Chai-shun.—"N. China Daily News."

Philippine Officers and Chinese Dealers.
Sui has been filed in the court of first instance, Manila, against General Bell, Lieutenant Colonel Wood, and other officers of the Philippines division, for illegal forcible removal of a large quantity of military supplies from the stores of certain Chinese second hand dealers, who had presumably purchased them from soldiers.

The suit is brought by Tan Hoo, who alleges that the property was valued at about P800.

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LESTER.—On July 10, 1912, at "Perivale," 190 Route Fern-
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SPUNT.—On July 11, 1912, at Consular Road, Tientsin, to Mr.
and Mrs. J. Spunt, a daughter who died 3 hours later.

HUG.—At Winterthur (Switzerland) on the 5th July, to Mr.
and Mrs. J. Hug, of Penang, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HARTNELL—DUSTAN.—On the 12th June, at St. Saviour's
Church, Jersey, by the Revd. Canon Lucas, Doctor Mark Alan
Hartnell, Imperial Police (Burma retired), to Mary Blanche
Dustan, only daughter of the late John Dustan, Brigade Surgeon,
A.M.D. of Oaklands, St. Saviour's Jersey.

DEATHS.

MUNRO.—On July 10, 1912, at Dalmeir, Scotland, Annie
Morris, the beloved wife of William Paul Munro.

VAN SOMEREN.—At the Mansion, River Valley Road, Singa-
pore, on July 8, Samuel Alexander van Someren, aged 82 years.

MERRICK.—At the General Hospital, Penang, July 4, Captain
Merrick, late lighthouse keeper, Penang Harbour.

TAN.—On Sunday, July 7, at his residence No. 47, North Boat
Quay, Tan Ah Heng, J.P. (Johore), father of Mr. Tan Tiang Yew.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JULY 15, 1912.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

It is an arresting fact, worthy of more than passing notice, that at the present moment both England and France are grappling with the question of electoral reform. In the British Parliament a Bill has been introduced which will sweep away many anomalies and absurdities attaching to the exercise of the franchise, while almost simultaneously the French Chamber has approved a measure of electoral reform which is largely based on proportional representation. But while France is thus soon to have come to a definite decision on the question, our own Parliament has yet to pass the measure at present before it. Moreover, the Franchise Bill is only part of the Asquith Government's scheme, inasmuch as it is to be followed by a measure providing for a redistribution of Parliamentary seats. With the rise of democratic ideas it is only natural that franchise laws should undergo great revisions; for "the voice of the people" is a voice which will make itself heard.

During the education controversy some few years since, the then Minister for Education (Mr. Augustine Birrell) coined the famous phrase:—"Minorities must suffer; it is the badge of their tribe." But, despite this declaration, statesmen still continue to analyse schemes aiming at proportional representation of all parties or groups. And it is thus that the merits of Proportional Representation are in these days being given so much consideration. There are various forms of the system, though in principle they are allied, and it is interesting to note that already Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, and Wurtemberg are among the countries which have actually adopted it, while the principle also operates in senatorial, provincial and municipal elections in the South Africa Union. Its advocates assert that representative government cannot be a reality where the system does not apply. It is only in recent years that Proportional Representation has come to the fore in England, but, thanks to its strenuous advocacy by men such as Lord Courtney, and by the holding of model elections illustrating its advantages, it is gradually adding to the ranks of its adherents. The system is worked by dividing the country up into constituencies returning several members. This is an essential feature of all the varying schemes, as it is only when a number of seats are available that representation can be divided between the different parties existing in a constituency in proportion to their strength. When it comes down to putting the principle into practice there are various methods possible, but that most favoured in England is what is known as the 'Transferable Vote', which has the supreme recommendation that every vote cast in an election counts—not as now, when a successful candidate often polls hundreds of votes more than he actually needs to secure a majority, with the result that the surplus is wasted. The vote under the new plan being transferable, the elector is allowed to indicate to whom he wishes it transferred in the event of the candidate whom he most favours not needing further support. This is done by the elector marking the man he most favours by the figure 1, and indicating his second, third and fourth choices by the figures 2, 3 and so on.

As to whether the new Redistribution Bill will bring any of these schemes into operation, few at present know, but it is well to remember that the Royal Commission appointed some four years ago on this general question expressed the view that of all schemes for producing proportional representation that of the 'Transferable Vote' would have the best chance of acceptance, though the Commissioners were unable to recommend its adoption, in the then existing circumstances, for elections to the House of Commons. With the franchise on a new basis, however, and a redistribution of seats effected, the conditions would be much altered, and we may thus even yet see the system recommended by the Government of the day. If not, we doubt not that the time will speedily come when the experiment will be tried. For such is the tendency of the hour.

DAY BY DAY.

The idea of utility is always
inimical to the idea of wit.

German Mail.

The German Mail of June 12
was delivered in London on the
July 13.

Raub Output.

Messrs. Wright & Hornby in-
form us that Raub output for last
month is 994 ozs. of gold.

Dumping.

A dead-body has been picked
up in Sam Shui Po: Death was
apparently due to natural causes.

Personal.

Lieutenant Richardson, 12th
Baluchistan Infantry, Tientsin,
has qualified for retention in the
Indian Army.

Escaped from the Hospital.

A patient left the hospital on
Saturday, in hospital clothing.
He was arrested by an Indian in
Hospital Road and taken back.

To Drive the Devils away.

A man charged at the Police
Court, to-day, with assault, said
he kept a sword to drive the
devils from his house (laughter).

Thief in Priest's Quarters.

The Rev. Fr. Spada has reported
to the police that a thief has forced
an entrance into his quarters, and
has stolen two covers, two quilts
and a pair of shoes.

Lamp Thieves.

Lamp thieves are busy again,
according to the police reports.
A number of incandescent lamps
have been taken from West
Point and Yau-mat.

Disorderly Coolie.

A coolie who was arrested at
West Point, whilst acting in a
disorderly manner, was fined \$2
or in default seven days, at the
Police Court, to-day.

Opium.

At the Police Court, this morn-
ing, a man was fined \$50 or in
default six weeks imprisonment
for being in possession of opium
and for selling the same.

Woman Stabbed.

A woman has been removed to
the hospital from Yau-mat, suffer-
ing from a stab wound. The man
alleged to have inflicted the
wound is now in custody.

Disorderly.

A Sanitary Board water cart
driver was fined \$5 at the Police
Court this morning for acting in
a disorderly manner at West
Point, on Saturday evening.

A Defended Obstruction Case.

A man was fined \$3 at the
Police Court, this morning, for
causing an obstruction in South-
ern Street. Inspector Dymond
proved the charge; Mr. Lewis
defended.

Morphine.

A rickshaw coolie who was
found in possession of morphine
valued at 60 cents was fined \$25
or in default a month, at the
Police Court, this morning by
Mr. Melbourne.

An Unlicensed Money Changer.

A man who carried on the busi-
ness of a money changer on board
ships in the Harbour without a
licence, was brought before Mr.
Melbourne, at the Police Court
to-day by I. S. Wills and fined
\$10.

Constable's Smart Capture.

P. O. Patrick Langan very
cutely stopped a man in Western
Street whose clothes seemed to
bulge suspiciously. He took him
to the station and it was there
found that the man was in pos-
session of 750 rounds of ammunition.

At the Police Court, to-day the
man was fined \$100 or in default
six months.

General Anderson's Future Command.

A successor to Gen. Pearson
has not been been officially an-
nounced, but it is understood
that Major-Gen. C. A. Anderson,
who is now General Officer
Commanding in South China,
with headquarters at Hongkong,
has been selected for the com-
mand of a division, and he will
probably go to Lahore, says the
"Globe."

Victoria Theatre.

Well-advised seekers of a good,
digestion-promoting laugh will
not fail to see Mr. Billy Eldid & Co.
before these artistes bid farewell
to the above theatre to-morrow
night. Not only is the trick-cy-
cling turn fully equal, in point
of interest and cleverness, to similar
items offered by the best troupes
at home, but the miniature Jack
Johnson himself is worth walk-
ing some miles to see. The
cinematograph films, too, are
exceptionally good just now;
notably that one entitled "The
Golden Bell."

A Quiet Time.

No cases have been fixed for
hearing in the Courts of Justice
this week, until the Criminal
Sessions on Thursday. The case
provisionally fixed for to-day
stands over.

Meyrie England.

We are informed that the next
work that the Philharmonic
Society will present will be
"Meyrie England" when instead
of St. George's Hall, the Theatre
Royal will be used.

Opium Divan.

At the Police Court this after-
noon two men were charged with
being concerned in the keeping
of an opium divan. The first
defendant was discharged and the
second was fined \$150 or in
default six weeks.

Attempted to Bribe.

At the Police Court to-day a
woman who tried to bribe a
Chinese constable by offering him
20 cents when arresting her for
carrying exposed pigwash was
fined \$5 for so doing and also
fined \$1 for the nuisance.

St. John's Cathedral.

We understand that arrange-
ments have been made, whereby
the lessons read at matins and
evensong, in St. John's Cathedral
will be taken in rotation by Hon.
Mr. Claud Severn, Col. St. John,
and Mr. A. Bryer. The last named
has been reader for a good num-
ber of years past.

Road Repairing.

Quite a quantity of road repair-
ing has been in progress in the
Colony for the past few weeks
and as a result the surface of some
of the thoroughfares shows a dis-
tinct improvement, especially
Queen's Road. The latest stretches
to be taken in hand are that op-
posite the City Hall, which is
being renovated with asphalt, and
Ice House Street, where concrete
is being used.

THE CHURCH AND THE
MASSES.

Clergyman replies to a
Newspaper Article.

Yesterday evening the Rev W.
Foster-Pegg, army chaplain,
preaching in St. John's Cathedral,
made a reply to a leading article
which appeared some time ago in
a local contemporary. Dealing
with the opening words of the
article:—"In an age which ac-
knowledges that the Church is
losing its hold on the masses of
the people," the preacher asked whe-
ther it would not be equally per-
tinent to make the phrase read:
"In an age which acknowledges
that the masses are losing their
hold on the Church," maintaining
that the latter statement was
equally true with the former. If
the allegation were true that the
Church was losing its hold on the
masses, they were really reaping
the afterglow of those days in
childhood, when children were
taken to services, with their
elders, which they never really
understood, and when the toys
in the nursery were placed be-
yond the reach of the child's fin-
gers. However, the preacher would
not admit that the suggestion was
correct, and, to refute it, he
pointed to the movement in con-
nection with the Church of Eng-
land Men's Society, which was
rapidly spreading, and remarked
that, in many instances, religious
earnestness caused worshippers to
go to church half an hour before
service was due to commence, in
order to secure a seat. When such
things occurred could it be true,
he asked, that the Church was
losing its hold on the masses?

GOVERNOR OF MACAO.

By the late boat last evening,
His Excellency the Governor
of Macao, and Senhora Mac-
hado arrived in the Colony
from the Portuguese Colony, ac-
companied by the aide de
camp Mr. Soares, and a valet.

The party proceeded to the Hong-
kong Hotel, where they will stay
until to-morrow, leaving Hong-
kong by the French Mail as
occasion for home, where they
will remain on leave for about a
year.

The Government of Macao will
be administered by Capt. San-
ches Miranda during the absence
of Senhora Machado.

Dysentery in Higo.

A Kobs report says that some
cases of dysentery appeared in
Mihara-gun, Higo Prefecture,
late last year and 53 persons have
been attacked by the epidemic, which
threatens to spread.

THE ATTEMPTED AS-
SASSINATION.WILL THE PRISONER BE
DEFENDED?

Who and What is He?

We have been informed that
there is every likelihood that the
man Li Hun Hong will be defend-
ed at the forthcoming Criminal
Sessions which commence on
Thursday next. It is also stated
in the town that the money is to
be provided for the defence from
subscriptions by Chinese. The
police are concerned to know
more of the paragraph that ap-
peared in the "Telegraph" stat-
ing that the sister, wife and
child of the prisoner have made a
visit to Hongkong for the pur-
pose of seeing him before he
stands his trial.

Gossip has it that Li Hun
Hong is the son of a former
interpreter employed at the
Supreme Court; but we are in-
formed that there is greater truth
in the conjecture of the au-
thorities that he is the son of a
former policeman in Hongkong
who was found in a disorderly
or gaming house in Wanchai and
was in consequence dismissed
from the force. This, needless to
explain, was many years ago.

If the man Li Hun Hong is de-
fended the case will have all the
more interest and there will no
doubt be some remarkable re-
velations.

Day by day the belief that he
is the agent of a secret and unlaw-
ful society becomes firmer. His
statement that the Chinese of the
Colony are concerned over the
replacing of Chinese copper coins
by Hongkong copper cents, is
not without some foundation.

Enquiries among the Chinese have
elicited the information that the
poorer Chinese coming to the
Colony from the country do not un-
derstand this substitution and look
upon the abolition of Chinese
copper coins as an injustice since
many of their purchases are made
with copper coins. We are
also informed by a ship's captain
that last week he took five
hundredweight of the Chinese
coins back to Wuchow.

As regards the alleged attempt
on the life of a resident of the
Colony who has taken rather
good photos of the attempted
assassination, it is said that,
despite other published rumours
to the contrary, on analysis it was
found that the food did not con-
tain any poison. The house-boy
has been released by the police
since nothing could be proved
against him.

RIFLES AND CAR-
TRIDGES.

At the Police Court to-day a
man named Yuong Chan, an ac-
countant of a passenger junk was
charged before Mr. E. A. Irving
with unlawfully being in pos-
session of five rifles, 1,200 rounds
of ammunition, and four boxes
of priming caps.

Mr. Lewis appeared for the
defence.

L. S. Cooper stated that at 7.30
p.m. on the 14th inst. he went on
board a junk in company with
two informers, and there saw
defendant, coming from the
starboard side. He (witness)
went into the cabin and there
found five Winchester rifles and
the ammunition produced. Wit-
ness asked him if he was the master
and he replied in the negative.

Mr. Lewis:—This man is the
accountant?—I could not say.

He is not the master?—No.

Now in this cabin there were
two beds?—Yes.

And the informers went
straight to the bed where the
rifles were?—No, they went to
the front cabin first.

Did you see any other men on
this junk?—Yes.

The informers asked this man
to come back to the cabin?—No,
I did.

You have not arrested any
other men who were on board?
—No.

Not the master?—No, he was
not there.

I will ask your Worship to
dismiss this case?

Mr. Irving:—Why, the defend-
ant was in the cabin where these
things were found.

Mr. Lewis contended that the
defendant was not the master of
the junk and had nothing to do
with the charge.

After hearing the evidence his
Worship fined defendant \$250 or
in default six months.

ARRESTED IN MANILA.

An American Charged with
Misappropriation.

At the Police Court, this morn-
ing, an American named Charles
Friedrick White, mariner, was
charged before Mr. Melbourne
with converting \$318, whilst in
bail, to his own use.

The man, it appears, left
the Colony for Manila and was
arrested there on the receipt of
a cablegram from the Hongkong
police. He arrived here on the
Tai Yuen this morning, and was
taken into custody by I. S. Wills.

The money is alleged to be the
property of Esther Kuohinstein of
the Astor House Hotel.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.
The police made an application
for a short remand.

Mr. Melbourne remanded the
case until Wednesday. Defend-
ant was allowed bail, the security
being fixed at \$400.

A REAL OPIUM
SMUGGLER.

At the Police Court, to-day, a
Chinese was fined \$500 or, in
default, three months for being
in unlawful possession of three
maize eight tals of prepared
opium, 100 tals of compound
opium, several hundred empty
boxes, a quantity of false trade
descriptions, books referring to
the preparing of opium and the
sale of opium, and a number of
tins made to fit round the body.

The arrest was made in a house
in MacGregor Street.

CANTON NEWS.

Groundless Reports.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)
Canton, July 13.

Two days ago the Chinese
papers in Hongkong and Canton
published a telegram from Pe-
king which stated that Premier
Hu intends to appoint General
Shui-ching, former Command-
er-in-Chief of the Republic
forces at the capture of Nanking,
as Governor-General of Canton
on place Mr. Wu Han-man, who
will be transferred to Peking.

The telegram further stated that
Yuan Shu-fan, former Viceroy of
Canton, will probably be appoint-
ed as Military Commissioner
of Kwangtung. Yesterday the
Society of Merchants' Guild and
the Commercial Organ despatched
a telegram in Peking enquiring into
the truth of these reports. A
reply has now been received say-
ing the reports are groundless.

Cheaper Rice.

Even in good years the supply
of rice locally is insufficient to
meet the needs of the people.
Thus Canton depends on Siam,
Annam, Bangkok and Wuhu.

The rice in Wuhu cannot be
shipped to Canton on account of
its enhanced price, while the sup-
ply from Siam and other places is
limited. This season the crops in
Kwangtung have been almost
totally destroyed by the floods,
with the result that the price has
advanced considerably and caused
hardship to the poor people.

The Chinese residents abroad
have, however, come to their
assistance and remitted the 20,000
for the cheap disposal of rice.
The Wei-chai and Anping rice
depots intend to sell their stock
at a cheaper rate for this purpose.

A committee for the cheap dis-
posal of rice has been formed at
the Oi Yuk Hospital.

Foolish Reports.

Recently some evil-doers cir-
culated a rumour of a proposal
by the Canton Government to
offer a handsome reward for the
arrest of many well-known mer-
chants in Hongkong, including
Mr. Fung Wa Chuen, J. P. Mr.
Wu Han Mau, the Governor-
General, has already issued a
proclamation contradicting the
rumour and intending to bring
these evil-doers to justice, as a
direct proof of good faith of the
Canton Government. Mr. Fung
Wa Chuen went up to Canton
the other day and paid visits to
the Governor-General, the Com-
missioner of Finance and the
Commissioner of Police in con-
nection with the matter.

New Engineer C.O. for Singapore.
Lieut.-Col. D. H. Ridout, Com-
manding Royal Engineer, Dublin
District, goes to Singapore in the
coming troopship season to take
up duty as Commanding Royal
Engineer.

Naval Veteran's Death.
Tom Thomson, a naval veteran,
eighty-three years of age, died at
Grange Road, Boreas, recently.
He was a noted character in the
district, and had served in the
Baltic during the Crimean War.

NOTES AND
COMMENTS.

The Everlasting Rubber Question.

It will be seen from one of
our messages that our Consul-
general at Rio reports a state of
affairs on the Peru rubber
estates which must be described
as something more than grave.

According to Sir Robert Cas-
ement, hide-strips, mutilations
and ignited kerosene are among
the arguments that are being
employed with the workers, who
are West Indian negroes and, for
the most part, British subjects.

Even though full allowance be
made for possible exaggeration,
and for the magnifying of
isolated cases, this fresh piece
of intelligence will not be
received by thinking English-
men without some few qualms of
shame. We have said recently
that the Home Government has
unquestionably tried to do its
duty, both by man and by master,
in our own territories where na-
tive labour is employed on a large
scale; and it might be added
that that duty has been rendered
materially more difficult by fool-
ish scaremongers at home who
never saw a plantation in their
lives, and have therefore consid-
ered it their bounden duty to
foam at the mouth on Chinese
slavery canards and like mares'
nests.

The Case for the Native Worker.

But while making the allow-
ances quoted above, we may not
blink the fact that English hands
have not always been clean in
the matter of dealing with the
native. Too often, following the
choice example of the Spaniards,
and the still more atrocious one
offered by the Dutch, the British
have, in times past, regarded the
coloured man as a chattel, a
machine, and a convenient vent
for the ill humour engendered by
a disordered liver. The fact is
that the European is not always
himself when transplanted to a
climate and an environment for
which neither nature nor up-
bringing has fitted him. The
heat and the excesses born of
it, are apt to stir the dormant
beast in him, and so the man
who would be sober and moral
and chaste-going at home may
become very much the reverse
in a tropical region.

Again, more than half the trouble
is due to the extreme youth and
inexperience of the Europeans
who are sent out as plantation-
assistants. For one act of de-
liberate or careless cruelty on the
part of an old stager, we can
quote five where youngsters, who
have not found their feet, are
concerned. We are well aware
that coolies are not to be hand-
led with kid gloves, and that
there are times when judicious
corporal punishment is the only
medicine for their sickness; but,
in the name of mankind, or,
rather of common decency, let
these occasions be kept at a
minimum, and let the flogging
be flogging, and not hell-torture
—as too often it has been.

St. Swithin's Day.

It is St. Swithin's Day to-day,
which brings to mind the old
proverb which says:—

St. Swithin's Day, if thou dost
rain,

For forty days it will remain;
St. Swithin's Day, if thou be
fair,

For forty days it will rain
na maid.

At home, where forty days'
continuous rain would put a
hammer on the holiday season,
superstitious folk still regard the
weather prospects on this day
with fear and trembling. But
Hongkong won't worry much, we
think, whether it rains or no.

St. Swithin, it will be recalled,
was Chancellor of the Exchequer
in the time of King Ethelbert,
and he is the great Patron Saint
of the cathedral and city of Win-
chester. There is another quaint
saying which is to the effect that
when it rains on St. Swithin's Day,
it is the Saint chiding the
apples. Hampshiremen, indeed,
have a pious belief that unless
St. Swithin does his duty in this
respect there will be no apple-
harvest.

TELEGRAMS.

U. PARCELS RATES.

STEERING REDUCTIONS ADVISED.

Router's
[vice to the "Telegraph."]

London, July 15, 3.10 a.m.
Received, 3.30 p.m.

Router's Washington corres-
pondent states that Interstate Com-
merce Commission conducting
investigations into the operation
of express companies prescribes
steering reductions in parcel
rates in all parts of the United
States, which, the Commission
one, will constitute a long step
towards solution of the high cost
of living.

ENGLISH HEAT WAVE.

NUMEROUS DEATHS.

London, July 15, 3.10 a.m.
Received, 3.30 p.m.

England has been sweltering
in a heat wave for the past four
days.

Numerous deaths have occur-
red, particularly from drowning.
Much damage has been caused
by thunderstorms.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

AN UGLY AFFAIR.

London, July 15, 3.10 a.m.
Received, 3.30 p.m.

There were riotous scenes yester-
day afternoon in Hyde Park
on the occasion of a strikers'
demonstration.

The strikers endeavoured to
release a car which had been
arrested for assaulting, but were
interrupted, whereupon the police
charged with their batons.

There was a wild stampede,
and women and children were
trampled under feet, a number
being treated at an improvised
hospital.

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P.,
was roughly handled in the
melée.

P. AND O. PERSIA.

PASSENGERS LANDED.

London, July 13.
Received, 8.44 p.m.

The "Times" correspondent at
Marseilles says the Persia is dis-
charging her cargo, and that all
the passengers have been landed.

Later.

The French war vessel Jules
Ferry has gone to the assistance
of the Persia.

FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS.

A message from Marseilles
states that attempts to float the
Persia have proved fruitless, and
the unloading of cargo is being
continued. The gold and silver
have been taken off.

REFLOATED.

London, July 14.

The Persia was refloated at
6.30 o'clock this evening by the
combined efforts of the cruiser
Jules Ferry and Government
tugs.

DAVIS CUP.

ENGLAND'S SUCCESS.

London, July 13, 5.20 p.m.
Received, 11.52 a.m.

In the Davis (lawn tennis) Cup,
Dixon beat Gobert by 4-6; 6-4;
6-2; 6-3.

Britain now meets America.

BISLEY.

A WOOD'S RECORD.

London, July 13, 2.40 p.m.
Received, 1.25 p.m.

In the King's Norton competi-
tion, at Bisley, Corp. Mortimer,
of the 8th Regiment, Quebec,
Canada, and Henry, of Ulster,
using Ross rifles, both scored 73
out of a possible 75. This is
a world's record at 1,200 yards.

SHIP'S BOY AS A
SMUGGLER.

Ammunition from America.

At the Police Court this morn-
ing a man was charged before
Mr. Melbourne, at the instance of
L. S. Wells, with being in posses-
sion of 50 rounds of ammunition
without legal permit.

Mr. Melbourne:—What does
he want them for?

Defendant:—I was asked to
buy them by some friends of mine.

L. S. Wells:—It is a usual thing
for these "Empress" boys to
bring ammunition and smuggle
it into the Colony, and nobody
knows where it is. I expected an
enormous quantity when I went
to his house but I did not find it.
On the way back I seized a boat
with 6,000 rounds of ammunition
coming from Yumati, but I can-
not prove that it belongs to the
defendant.

Mr. Melbourne:—How long has
he been an "Empress" boy?

Defendant:—Eight years.

A Substitute.

L. S. Wells:—He goes on board
as a substitute; the regular boys
frequently go on leave and he
goes in the place of one of them
as a substitute.

Mr. Melbourne:—When did the
last Empress ship come in?

L. S. Wells:—A week on
Saturday.

Mr. Melbourne:—Was he going
on the voyage?

L. S. Wells:—No, your Wor-
ship.

Mr. Melbourne:—Twenty-five
dollars or one month.

AN INTERESTING
ANNIVERSARY.

Yesterday was the 123rd anni-
versary of the fall of the Bastille
and the occasion was fittingly
celebrated by French Consul, M.
Gaston Liebert, at the French
Consulate No. 13, Peak Road, who
was at home to the many callers
who paid a visit to offer their
congratulations. The guests in-
cluded the members of the con-
sulate body in Hongkong and were
received by the French Consul,
the usual hospitality being dis-
pensed. The tricolour was promi-
nently displayed from some of
the houses in the town.

The following were amongst
those who were present the "at
home":—

Mr. B. E. Fielder; Consul and
Mrs. Edgins; Mr. and Mrs. T.
Patrie; Major Pichard R.G.A.;
Lt.-Col. Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C.;
Mr. A. Sinclair; Mr. and Mrs.
Leask; Mr. B. Bond; Mr. David
Wood; Mr. F. C. Wilford; Lt.-
Col. and Mrs. Lean and baby;
Mrs. Bowdler; Lt.-Col. Chap-
man; Mr. Chapman; Mrs. Pigot
and child; Mr. and Mrs. Cadbury;
Mrs. Kent; Mr. A. H. Hewitt;
Capt. and Mrs. McMunn, nurse and
children; Lt.-Col. and Mrs.
Wrigley; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones;
Mr. and Mrs. M. Watson;
Capt. and Mrs. Hodgins;
Lt.-Col. Stacpole; Mrs. Malkin
Smith; Mr. Bayley; Mr. Burton;
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon; Mr. W.
L. Carter; Mr. and Mrs. Ham-
phreys; Mr. and Mrs. Talati;
Mr. and Mrs. James and girl;
Rev. and Mrs. Davis;
Mr. Dallin; Mr. and Mrs. North-
combe; Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong
and child; Capt. and Mrs. Waring;
Mr. and Mrs. Hale; Mrs. Fulton;
Miss Fulton; Mr. H. Pearce;
Lt. Col. R.cliffe, R.E.; Captain
Wood, R.A.M.C.; Major and Mrs.
Lyndon; Eng. Comdr. Roome,
R.N.; Mr. Lloyd; Mrs. Cornelius-
son; Dr. and Mrs. Rutherford.

THE NEW COMMODORE.

Official Landing.

This morning, Commodore
Anstruther C.M.G. who fills the
office vacated by Commodore
Zyros, made an official landing at
Blake Pier, where he was met by
H. E. the Governor's aide de
camp. Chairs were taken and the
party proceeded to Government
House. A salute of eleven guns
was fired.

THE POISON MYSTERY.

As stated elsewhere in this
issue, the police informed the
Press to-day that the soup sub-
mitted to the analyst which was
alleged to have contained poison
and to have been served to a local
resident with intent to kill, has
been found on analysis to be free
from all trace of poison.

LOCAL SPORT.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

K.C.C. beat Queen's College.

The match between Kowloon
C. C. and Queen's College on
Saturday aroused great interest
and drew a large gathering to
the Kowloon ground, including
numerous enthusiasts from other
Clubs participating in the com-
petition. Much hung on the
issue. If Queen's College won,
the championship was theirs;
on the other hand, a victory for
Kowloon would place both teams
level at the head of the League
and necessitate the playing of a
deciding match. The latter cir-
cumstance eventuated, Kowloon
scoring a runaway victory and
securing the verdict by 8 sets to
1 and 63 games to 36. The
home men were easily the better
lot and the issue was never in
doubt. The scores were:—

McKenzie and Clarke (Kow-
loon) beat Barlow and Bird 6-5;
beat Brawn and Birbeck 7-4; lost
to Sutherland and Crook, 5-6.
Williams and Thompson (Kow-
loon) beat Barlow and Bird 8-3;
beat Brawn and Birbeck 7-4;
beat Sutherland and Crooks 6-5.
Green and Abraham (Kowloon)
beat Barlow and Bird 8-3; beat
Brawn and Birbeck 9-2; beat
Sutherland and Crook 7-4.

P. W. L. Pts.
Queen's College... 7 6 1 12
Kowloon C. C. ... 7 6 1 12
Civil Service ... 6 4 2 8
Wigwam ... 7 4 3 8
Y.M.C.A. ... 7 4 3 8
Chinese Recreation ... 7 3 4 6
Club de Recreo ... 7 2 5 4
Craigengower ... 5 1 4 2
Chinese Y.M.C.A. 7 0 7 0
Wigwam secured two points
through Chinese Y.M.C.A.
scratching.

LAWN BOWLS.

The League Decided.

The two bowls fixtures that
were played off on Saturday, had
more than usual interest in them
inasmuch as the result of the
league was to be decided finally
or the necessity created for a re-
play between the Police and Tai-
koo. The Civil Service, met the
Police and Kowloon played Tai-
koo. Had Tai-koo won their
match they would have tied with
the Police for premier honours,
and a further match to decide the
point would have been necessary.
But Tai-koo failed against Kow-
loon and the Police, running out
winners from the Civil Service,
established their position for the
season. In the league the Police
have not lost a point, having
played five matches and won
every time.

The scores for Saturday were
as follows:—

Police.	C.S.
Grant.	Marsh.
Gourley.	Kelly.
Withers.	Fisher.
Pitt.	Fincher.
(skip) ... 23	(skip) ... 15
Gerrard.	Duncan.
Fonton.	McKay.
McLennan.	Wheal.
McLardy.	Irving.
(skip) ... 20	(skip) ... 17
Clark.	Dawson.
Spillett.	Higby.
Stuart.	Bond.
Cameron.	Thornhill.
(skip) ... 14	(skip) ... 13
Total ... 57	Total ... 45

Kowloon v. Tai-koo.

The scores in the Kowloon v.
Tai-koo match were:—

Kowloon.	Tai-koo.
W. Taylor.	K. Pirrie.
D. Cooper.	D. Farrell.
A. Ramsay.	H. Dinnon.
S. Gray.	J. Ferguson.
(skip) ... 50	(skip) ... 18
J. Allen.	W. Derrington.
R. Hunter.	J. Weir.
G. K. Huxton.	A. Cairns.
G. Edwards.	J. Wetherston.
(skip) ... 22	(skip) ... 27
R. Hall.	T. Grimshaw.
C. Alexander.	H. Harron.
W. Russell.	A. Hamilton.
J. Henderson.	T. Scott.
(skip) ... 22	(skip) ... 10
Total ... 64	Total ... 61

Chinese Consular Changes.

It is understood Mr. Hsu Shan-
ching has been appointed Consul
at Nagasaki. The present consul
at Nagasaki, Mr. Yang Shu-wen,
is further reported, has been
promoted to be Consul-General
at Manila.

FIRE AT COTTON MILLS.

Three Men Injured One Fatally.

A small fire, which brought
with it an unfortunate fatality,
occurred on Saturday evening at
Cotton Mills at Causeway Bay.
It appears that, in the ordinary
course of duty, some coolies were
sent to clean out a chamber in
the basement into which cotton
dust from the floors above is sent
by forced draught. While en-
gaged in this work, one of the
men accidentally dropped a lamp
he was carrying and the cotton
dust, which is very inflammable,
took fire, a sheet of fire bursting
out and enveloping three coolies.

The alarm was at once given,
and the new motor tender,
with the Fire Brigade, was soon
in attendance, only to find that
the outbreak had been quenched
by fire appliances already install-
ed in the mills.

The three coolies were badly
burned and were attended to in
the office by the matron and ladies
of the Tyro Refuge, assisted by a
number of police. They were
rubbed freely with oil and subse-
quently conveyed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital. One of the
men died subsequently.

The building is fire proof
and beyond the destruction of the
cotton dust, which is practically
valueless, the damage done is
small.

ALLEGED ARMED
ROBBERY.

At the Police Court, this after-
noon, before Mr. E. A. Irving,
three men were charged with
committing an armed robbery at
Yumati.

Inspector Cameron conducted
the prosecution, which was not
concluded when we went to
press.

MARINE COURT.

A Heavy Penalty.

Commander C. W. Beckwith
R.M., inflicted a heavy fine in a
case of overcrowding a steam
launch, this morning, at the
Marine Court. P.C. 58 Harris
charged Pang Cheung, master of
the s. b. Hoi Ning, with unlaw-
fully carrying 41 passengers in
excess of the number allowed by
his licence, outside the local trade
limits in the waters of the Colony
on July 10.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

This was the third conviction
recorded against the man who was
fined \$150 or in default two
months' hard labour. The money
was paid.

Petty Offences.

Three boatwomen were charged
with laying their craft alongside
the s.s. Kwongwai in such a
manner as to cause an obstruction
in the Central Fairway. They
were each fined \$5.

Leung Sam, a boatwoman, was
charged with using her licensed
fishing boat for a purpose other
than that of fishing or of supplying
necessaries to those engaged in
fishing. On Sunday she was
found by P. C. Evans to have a
sack of dredged coal on board.
She was fined \$3.

On charges of failing to licence
his boat, and of mooring within
100 yards of low water mark in
a prohibited place and during
prohibited hours—Jam Meuk was
fined \$10.

A QUESTION OF RIGHT
OF WAY.

At the Police Court, this after-
noon, before Mr. Melbourne, a
Chinese was prosecuted for
causing an obstruction in a pri-
vate lane, near 120 Des Vaux
Road.

Mr. Kemp, the Crown Solicitor,
prosecuted, and Mr. Davidson
appeared for the defence.

Mr. Woodcock in replying to
Mr. Davidson said there was
nothing in the register except the
plan to show there was right of
way.

Mr. Melbourne:—Do you know
if there was anything on the
register?

Mr. Woodcock:—There was
not.

Mr. Kemp:—Nothing as far as
I know.

The case had not concluded
when we went to press.

A SNATCHER.

At the Police Court, this morn-
ing, a man was charged with
attempting to steal a bangle
valued \$60 from a woman in Li
Yuen Street. He was arrested by an
Indian watchman before he had
succeeded in obtaining possession
of the bangle.

The case was remanded.

RUBBER AND INDIGO.

Crisis in View.

Baron Schrotky has sent the
following letter to the "Straits
Times."

Sir,—The rubber planting in-
dustry has, for many years past
now, been trying to find a catch
or cover-crop, which would give
some return during the time the
rubber grows up, while not ex-
hausting the soil and thus retard-
ing the growth of the main crop.

None of the catch-crops so far
grown have come up to this stan-
dard. Will you allow me, there-
fore, to draw attention through
the medium of your paper to a
crop which has been grown lately
most successfully between young
rubber in Ceylon and seems to
have solved the question of what
crop can most profitably be grown
with rubber.

I refer to indigo. Due to the
cultivation of a better yielding
variety to the plant, to improved
methods of manufacture, and to
the marketing of the dye in the
form of a paste, natural indigo
can now be made considerably
cheaper than the synthetic dye
and an indigo industry on up-to-
date methods of manufacture will
once more become one of the
most profitable undertakings of
the tropical planter.

For, apart from the profit
which the out-turn of dye yields
we have as a by-product the
refuse of the indigo plant, after
the extraction of the dye, one of
the most perfect manures in the
world, which Professor Rawson
states is equal to the best Eng-
lish farm-yard manure, and the
commercial value of which—
ammonia, potash and phosphates
only—he gives as amounting to
\$21 per 8,200 lbs.

The Malay Peninsula—as re-
gards climate and soil—is emi-
nently suited for the cultivation of
indigo, either alone or between
young rubber or coconuts. It is
one of the few plants which
enrich the soil by deposits of
nitrogenous products from its
root nodules and its long tap
roots draw nourishment from
strata, which are not ordinarily
reached by rubber or coconuts, in
the earlier stages of their growth.

Grown in Ceylon between
young rubber, the rubber trees
have grown best where the indigo
was growing close up to them and
where it was thickest.

An outturn of 40,000 lbs. of
green plant per acre may be ex-
pected here in the Malay Penin-
sula for the year, in 4 to 5 out-
tings, and the plant will continue
to yield for 3 to 4 years, without
re-sowing being necessary. The
40,000 lbs. green plant after the
extraction of the dye, will yield
32,000 lbs. green manure, and
this applied to rubber or coconut
trees should return a good value,
far and above its commercial
monetary value, in the quicker
and more robust growth of the
young trees, a larger yield of latex
and a quicker renewal of the bark
as regards rubber, and in the case
of coconuts quicker growth, ear-
lier bearing of nuts and an out-
turn of a greater quantity of nuts
per acre.

But it is chiefly in connection
with rubber that I want to draw
attention to indigo.

There can be no doubt as to
the seriousness of the position.
Sir William Ramsay is at the
head of his profession. Synthetic
rubber has come, and Sir William
Ramsay will make good his state-
ment that it can be made at one
shilling per lb.

Let the rubber industry face
this, and take timely measures to
strengthen its position.—Yours,
etc.,

Schrotky.

Singapore, July 8, 1912.

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the "Railway and Engineering
Review," that by 1st July all the
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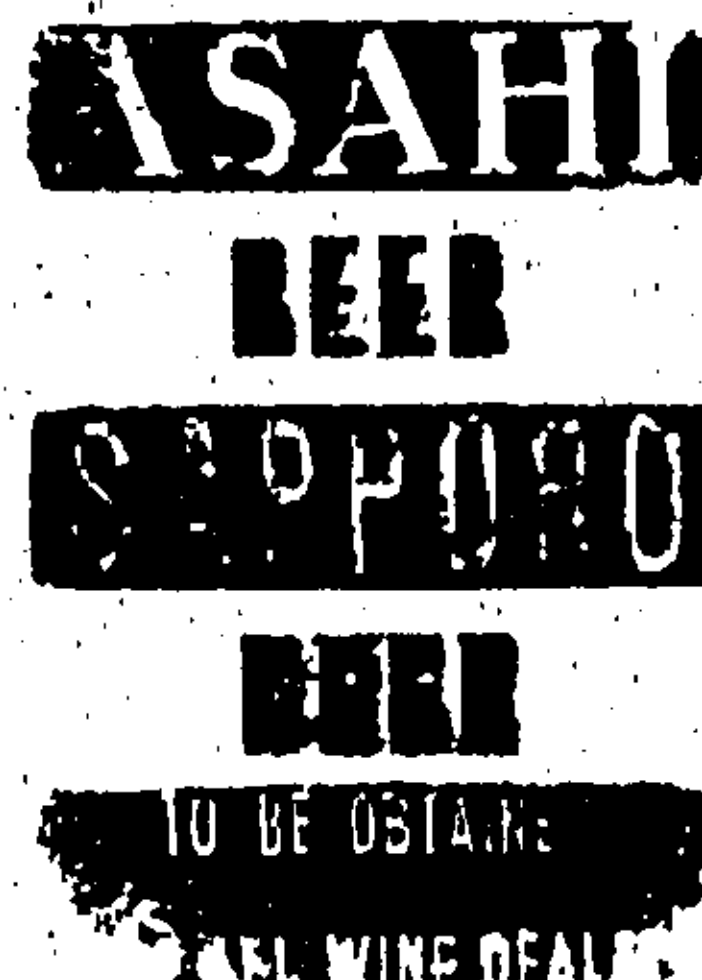
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Destination	Steamers	Sailing Dates
VICTORIA, B.C., KESWICK, 6th, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKKAICHI, SHIMIZU & YAMATO	JAWA MARU, Capt. Shimizu, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 16th July, at 4 P.M.
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Destination	Steamers	Sailing Dates
BOMBAY, SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. K. Soyeda, T. 7,000	FRIDAY, 26th July.

Destination	Steamers	Sailing Dates
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. Moses, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th July, at 5 P.M.

Destination	Steamers	Sailing Dates
N' SAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 31st July, at Noon.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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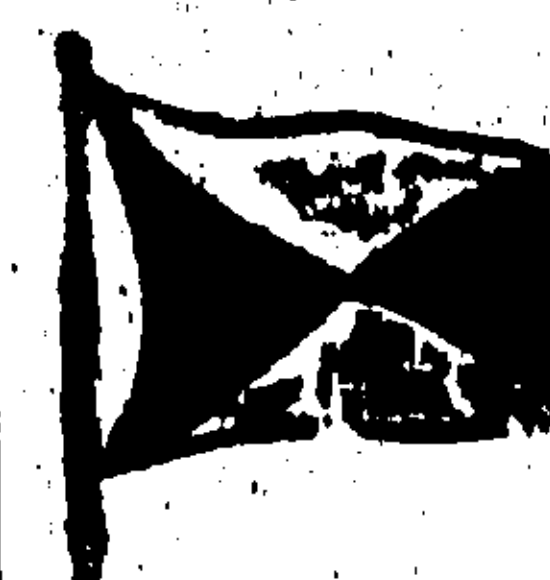
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Mariners and the V.

A cardinal feature on Imperial Merchant Service and, and one to a large extent possible for its original formation, is in connection with the House disabilities under which the House labour in being, to intents and purposes, excluded from exercising their votes at Parliamentary elections, they have figured as a negative quantity in the Guild in its efforts in ameliorating the condition as regards seafarers and the ancillary marine and in promoting the best interests of shipping generally, have had to rely on the voluntary and sympathetic services of Lord Muskerry in the House of Lords, who has devoted himself to the work of the Guild for many years past, and to our Members of Parliament who, from time to time, have rendered most valuable and appreciated co-operation. It is also true that the Guild has now made a very great advance in the formation of a special Parliamentary Committee of its own, of a non-party character, and one comprising members of both Houses. In respect to this Committee, mariners under a debt of great gratitude to Mr. Basil E. Peto, M.P., Chairman of the Committee, who it the cost of much time, energy, and trouble, has succeeded in forming a Committee of the most representative and influential character. As the Prime Minister's new franchise proposals have been announced and as the Guild some months ago brought the grievances of mariners especially to the attention of the Prime Minister with a view to his including them for special consideration in connection with these proposals, further steps have been taken by the Guild in putting the matter before the Parliamentary Committee, the Secretary of which is Mr. T. W. Moore, who is Secretary of the Guild itself. The following are some of the acknowledgments which have come to hand and which will command the interest of those who are occupied in the marine services of this country:—

Mr. Basil E. Peto, M.P., already has promised that he will spare no effort in removing the grievance; this also applies to Lord Muskerry, who has brought the matter before Parliament on previous occasions, and to Lord Ellenborough from whom the Guild have just received a lengthy communication dealing with this and other matters.

Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., writes as follows:—"I think the matter which you bring before me in your letter of June 13th, extremely important, and it shall have as it always has had my warmest support."

The Hon. W. Gervase Beckett, M.P., writes:—"Your letter of the 13th instant is safely to hand and the subject is having my best attention."

Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P., writes:—"I strongly feel that seafarers labour under a very grave grievance in the difficulties in the way of recording their votes at elections, and I will be glad to co-operate in any way I can to provide them and other classes whose occupations necessitate their frequent absence from home, special facilities for voting."

Mr. W. Watson Rutherford, M.P., writes:—"I am in receipt of your letter which raises a most important point. As I understand it, the Prime Minister has undertaken to introduce his new Franchise Bill next Monday. We shall of course not know what the terms of that Bill are until after the First Reading has been passed, and the Bill gets printed and circulated. The question of giving some facilities for the votes of seafaring men, and also sundry other persons whose daily avocations frequently prevent them from being in the constituencies on the day of an election, is a very difficult one. I remember going into the matter some seven or eight years ago when the late Sir Elliot Lees, a Member for Birkenhead, and I backed the Bill which he drew up on the question, and I also seconded and supported a motion which he brought forward in the House of Commons on a Private Member's night on the same subject. I consider it a most important one."

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Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.			
Alacrity	Despatch-boat	1,700	4	2,000	Comdr. O. L. Lamb	Wei-hai-wei	
Atlas	Admiralty tug	615	—	1,400	Master West	Hongkong	
Bramble	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. B. E. Pritchard	Kiukiang	
Britomart	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-Com. W. H. Darwell	Hankow	
Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Hankow	
Cambrian	2nd class cruiser	4,360	10	7,000	Capt. J. E. Drummond	Wei-hai-wei	
Cherub	Water-tank and tug	390	—	340	Master W. Smith	Hongkong	
Clio	British sloop	1,070	—	1,400	Comdr. H. R. Veale	Canton	
Defence	Torpedo-boat destroyer	340	0	5,700	Captain H. Bruce M.V.O.	Wei-hai-wei	
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Lt.-Com. H. S. Monroe	Hongkong	
Handy	Torpedo boat destroyer	295	0	4,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai	
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	320	0	3,000	Lt.-Com. F. G. Brickendon	West River	
Kent	Armoured cruiser	9,800	14	22,000	Lt.-Com. W. G. O. Maxwell	Hongkong	
Kinslia	River gunboat	616	—	1,200	Capt. Allen T. Hunt O.S.I.	Kobe	
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,070	0	1,400	Lt.-Com. H. M. Murray	Hankow	
Minotaur	Armoured cruiser	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. F. C. C. Pasco	Lahuan	
Monmouth	Armoured cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. G. C. O'Neil	Hongkong	
Moorehead	River gunboat	180	2	800	Capt. B. H. F. Bartlett	Wei-hai-wei	
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	—	22,000	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	Hongkong	
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	—	240	Capt. G. P. E. Hunt D.S.O.	Wei-hai-wei	
Otior	Torpedo-boat	385	6	3,300	Lt.-Com. E. T. B. Chambers	Yangtze	
Pegasus	Protected cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. F. H. Mitchell	Wei-hai-wei	
Prometheus	3rd class cruiser	2,135	—	5,000	Comdr. N. Luxmoore	Hongkong	
Ribble	T.B.D.	590	0	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Wei-hai-wei	
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. A. Dixon	West River	
Rosario	Despatch-boat	580	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong	
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. S. Hilton	West River	
Snipe	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze	
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	305	—	6,000	Gunner E. J. Trillo	Hongkong	
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	0	—	Comdr. C. J. Eyles	Hongkong	
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Hon. Guy Stopford	Chungking	
Thistle	Gunboat	710	—	900	Lt.-O. H. R. N. O'Neill	Dormer	Hankow
Usk	T.B.D.	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. B. W. Bluet	Wei-hai-wei	
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	300	0	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Wei-hai-wei	
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Com. F. A. Byrne	Singapore	
Welland	T.B.D.	590	—	5,700	Lt.-Com. C. Seymour	Shanghai	
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	5	5,000	Lt.-Com. G. B. Hartford	Wei-hai-wei	
Widgeon	Gunboat	195	2	800	Comdr. J. O. Borrett	Kiating	
Woolcock	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze	
Witch	Gunboat	150	2	550	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Mulock	Hankow	
Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Winsloe, K.O.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. En route.							
Submarines:—							
No. 30.	Lt.-Comdr. Godfrey Herbert						
No. 37.	Lt.-Comdr. A. A. L. Foulner						
No. 38.	Lt.-Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington						
T.B. 035.	Lt.-Comdr. Woodward,	West River.					
T.B. 036.	Lt.-Comdr. Murphy,	West River.					
T.B. 037.	Lt.-Comdr. Nicol,	West River.					
T.B. 038.	Lt.-Comdr. Seymour,	West River.					

AMERICAN.				Commander.		Reported at	
Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.			
A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign M. C. Murray	Olongapo	
A-4	"	—	—	—	Lt. E. D. McWhorter	"	
A-6	"	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	"	
A-7	"	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	"	
Albany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	"	
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lt. C. S. Graves	Yangtze River	
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lt. R. Hill	"	
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. S. W. Cake	Canton	
Chauncey	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. F. J. Fletcher	Yangtze River	
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,183	11	10,000	Com. S. S. Robinson	Shanghai	
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Ensign J. L. Oswald	Olongapo	
Dacatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lt. B. H. Green	Yangtze River	
Eleno	Gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Com. V. S. Houston	"	
Helena	Gunboat	1,302	8	1,983	Com. R. H. Jackson	"	
Mohican	Tender-submarine	1,900	6	1,100	Chief Gun. J. Mitchell	Olongapo	
Monadnock	Monitor	3,009	6	3,000	Lt. E. P. Svarz	"	
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	5,244	Com. H. A. Wiley	Swatow	
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. C. A. Woodruff	So. P. Waters	
Piscataqua	Gunboat	—	—	—	"	"	
Pompey	Sea going tug	854	2	1,000	Lt. S. W. Wallace	Hongkong	
Queros	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lt. R. V. Lowe	Shanghai	
Rainbow	Gunboat	350	2	203	Lt. J. W. Schoenfeld	Yangtze Riv.	
Rainbow	Cruiser	4,360	14	1,800	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Craising	
Samar	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lt. E. D. Washburn, Jr.	Iohang	
Saratoga	Armored cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Bigham	Wahang	
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	8	203	Ensign H. A. McClure	Yangtze Riv	
Wilmington	Gunboat	1,302	8	1,984	Commander W. A. Elgar	Hongkong	
Wompatuck	Tug	462	—	550	Chief Boatsw. P. E. Radcliffe	"	
Flagship of Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Asiatic Fleet.							
Flagship of Rear Admiral Joseph B. Murdock, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Asiatic Fleet.							
VESSELS TEMPORARILY ON ASIATIC STATION.							
Buffalo	Transport	6,000	6	3,600	Comdr. C. M. Stone	Swatow	
Colorado	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	Capt. W. A. Gill	Olongapo	
California	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	"	Olongapo	
West Virginia	Armored cruiser	13,680	18	23,000	Capt. A. S. Halstead	Olongapo	
Flagship of Rear Admiral W. H. H. Southardland.							

GERMAN.				Commander.		Reported at	
Name	Class	Tons	Guns	I.H.P.			
Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Tsingtau	
Giesebau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	36	20,000	Captain v. Usalar	Tsingtau	
Itis	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai	
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Vangelow	Tsingtau	
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau	
Luha	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bondemann	Tsingtau	
Naraburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau	
Scharnhorst	River gunboat	11,600	36	20,000	Capt. Lieut. Jantzen	Yangtze	
S. 90	Flagship	—	—	—	Capt. Roing	Shanghai	
Taku	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lieut. Berenberg	Tsingtau	
Tiger	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obt. z. S. Olaszen	Tsingtau	
Tingtau	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Lupp	Tsingtau	
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	1,300	Capt. Lieut. Frix, Fricke	Canton	
Vaterland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Obt. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai	
FRENCH.							
Dupleix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Japan	
Kleber	Armoured cruiser	9,700	32	19,600	Capt. Gourin	Tonkin	
Desjode	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lt. Van der	Hankow	
Argus	River gunboat	180	8	570	Lt. Dordet	Canton	
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lt. de Gerwillier	Canton	
Pelito	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lt. Collin	Tongka	
Dondard de Lagree	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lt. Dupuy Duteemps	Tchong-kin	
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Bolpiz	Saigon	
Prote	Submarine	—	—	—	"	Saigon	
Slyx	Armoured gunboat	1,798	10	1,700	Lt. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon	
Fronda	Destroyer	350	7	303	Lt. Aurille	Saigon	
d'Iberville	Destroyer	130	7	300	Capt. de Frigate Bonnier	Saigon	
Pistole	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquess	Saigon	
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	8	300	"	Saigon	
Manche	Surveying-ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon	
Flagship of Rear Admiral Collob de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.							
Flagship of Commander Benoit, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.							
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MARKET PRICES.

Hongkong, July, 11 1912.			Butcher MEAT.			肉食			Salmon, — Ma Yan Yu			Shark, — Sa Yu			Skate, — Po Yu			Shrimps, — Ha			Snapper, — Lap Yu			Soles, — Tat Sa Yu			Tench, — Wan Yu			Turbot, — Cho Hw Yu			Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kork Yu			White Ba t, — Ngau Yu Chai			FRUITS			菓子																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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COMMERCIAL.

Foreign Trade of Japan.

Although accurate figures are not yet obtained the foreign trade of Japan during the first half of this year has witnessed an excess of import by yen 123,000,000. The comparison with the trade during the corresponding period of 1911 is as follows:—

	1912.	1911.
Jan. 31,475 31,030 40,101 45,005		
Feb. 30,888 32,622 57,487 48,708		
Mar. 37,012 35,308 62,024 52,926		
April 30,978 34,218 68,026 44,836		
May 43,308 37,878 63,127 47,175		
June 41,427 33,780 50,477 62,230		

Total 230,874,204,399 344,117,803,399
The articles exported are classified as follows:—

	1912.	1911.
Food stuff		
Rice	2,177	2,011
Refined sugar	1,701	3,551
Sake	0,787	0,099
Dried cuttlefish	1,110	0,801
Tobacco	3,314	3,031
Cigarettes	0,136	0,358
Materials		
Raw silk	58,801	52,094
Waste yarn	5,025	4,615
Cotton yarn	21,161	19,044
Wool	5,502	2,010
Camphor	1,335	1,540
Timber	2,686	2,379
Coal	6,005	8,319
Copper	10,037	9,445

Manufactures.
Cotton textiles 11,038 8,650
Cotton underclothes 2,305 0,523
Habutae 12,519 15,490
Silk handkerchiefs 1,226 1,783
Umbrellas 392 1,276
Match sticks 5,310 4,813
Floor matting 1,544 1,749
Porcelains 2,334 2,421
The reduction in the amount of refined sugar and cigarettes is due to the disturbances in China and Kwangtung provinces, and to the existence of powerful rivals.

The presidential election campaign, and the enforcement of strict regulations for the control of coloured tea do not seem to have much affected the tea trade, for the export of tea during the period has only been reduced by yen 300,000. It shows, according to a Japanese paper, a healthy development of the trade.—
"Japan Advertiser."

Anglo-Persian Oil.
The statement is made by a Calcutta contemporary that Persian petroleum will shortly be put on the Indian market. That the Anglo-Persian Oil Company is not unmindful of the prospect of finding a good market in India is shown by the fact that there is ready for erection in Bombay when the Port Trust has allotted a site for it a storage tank of half a million gallons capacity. The pipe from the oil fields in Kerman valley to Mohammera and the refinery at Abadan are now practically complete. It is stated that the company is likely to turn its attention to the Indian market very shortly, the oil which would chiefly be sent to western India being liquid fuel and kerosene. As to the Indian demand for oil the agents were confident that oil would soon be very much in demand as a substitute for coal, when a continuous supply for a number of years could be guaranteed so as to justify the initial capital outlay on oil engines and other plant. It is pointed out by the agents that oil would have been the motive power in connection with several enterprises, notably at Lahore, if a guarantee had been forthcoming which the Anglo-Persian Company claim to be able to give. Certainly the use of the Diesel oil engine is increasing to a surprising extent and one who has watched its development with interest declares that within a few years' time there will be 200,000 tons of oil coming into Bombay from Persia annually.

Deutsche-Asiatische Bank.
The Deutsche-Asiatische Bank reports for 1911 a net profit of Tls. 404,438, against Tls. 794,503 for 1910. The special reserve again receives Tls. 50,000, which Tls. 375,000 are to be paid as a 5 per cent. dividend, against 8 per cent. (equal to Tls. 600,000) for the previous year. The unfavourable financial result is said to be a consequence of political disturbances, which had an unfavourable effect on the commercial situation of the country. A large number of banks in consequence of the ruling disturbances were deprived of money

deposits, so that bankruptcies followed. Hankow was most influenced by the general situation, and the company has there suffered many and large losses through native banks, so that heavy rebates have been necessary. Also at Tsingtau and Tsinanfu the bank had heavy losses. On the other hand, East India has again been very prosperous, and the bank's branch at Calcutta has brought very favourable financial results. In Japan the competition of the native banks was very much felt. The coalfield in the Poshan valley has developed in quantity and quality, but the work in the Weishien field will probably be restricted. The paid-up share capital remains at m.7,500,000, and the reserve funds stand at m.753,807, while the special reserve amounts to m.646,193, against m.596,108 in the previous year.

Latest London Rubber News.

The Anglo-Dutch Plantations of Java, Ltd., have declared a dividend of 4 per cent. for the year, the balance of the preliminary expenses, £2,800, has been written off and a balance of £7,000 has been carried forward to the next account. The Edinburgh Rubber Estate (Selangor), Ltd., has announced an interim dividend of 10 per cent.

The Directors of the Ceylon Land and Produce Co., Ltd., declare an interim dividend of 10 per cent. The score with reference to synthetic rubber is losing its potency and the market in plantation rubber shares displays distinct signs of a rally. It is estimated that 500 tons of rubber will be offered at Tuesday's auction.—"Pinang Gazette" Special.

London Rubber Prices.

From the "Straits Times."
Malacca Correspondent.
July 6.
Information has been received by Malacca Rubber Plantations, Limited, that the price of fine Para in London yesterday was 4/8.1-4 per lb. business done. The price of best plantation rubber is quoted at 4/10 sellers. The market is steady.

The highest and lowest prices of plantation quoted in the Malacca telegrams this year have been:

Highest ... 5/11 March 23
Lowest ... 4/10 January 2

Rice Rises in Iloilo.
The price of rice in Iloilo, Philippines, is rising in the same degree as the price of sugar goes down. Saigon rice now sells from P8.70 to P9 a picul. A Chinese named Lim-Pon-so is said to have all the available local supply of number two white rice in his possession.

Shooting Affray in Han Kow.

An unfortunate incident occurred at the Ta Choo Men, Han Kow, recently. Three German sailors came in rickshaws from the French Concession and one of them paid to his man 20 cts., which was meant to be payment for the three, but the coolies not being satisfied created a disturbance, in which also a Russian sailor was mixed up. During the row several shots were fired from an adjacent house by which three Chinese were wounded, two of them only slightly, while the wound of the third one is of a more serious nature.

Notices

NOTICE

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE unexpectedly large demand for GAS COOKING STOVES has exhausted the Company's stock of new stoves.

More are being telegraphed for, and intending customers for same are requested to furnish their names and addresses to the Company so that no undue delay will arise in fixing the stoves when they arrive.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary,
Gas Office, Hongkong,
8th July, 1912. [509]

NOTICE

I have taken Mr. W. LOGAN as a partner in my business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, as from the 1st July, 1912.
The business will be carried on under the style of Raymond and Logan.
EDWARD M. RAYMOND,
4, The Hong Kong Street,
Hong Kong, 15th July, 1912. [523]

Public Companies

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

AN Interim Dividend of Two Dollars per share for the six months ending 30th June will be payable on MONDAY, 29th July on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's office. THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, the 20th July to MONDAY, the 29th July (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1912. [508]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

AN Interim Dividend of Three and half Dollars per share for the six months ending 30th June will be payable on MONDAY, 29th July on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's office. THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, the 20th July to MONDAY, the 29th July (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July 1912. [507]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1909, and

IN THE MATTER OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, (In Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that a Second return of Capital and Dividend at the rate of Three Dollars (Hongkong Currency) per Share will be paid on and after SATURDAY, the 18th day of July, 1912, to registered holders of A and B Shares upon application to:—

In the case of Shares on the London Register:—
Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM AND MATTHEWS,
Thorne's Chambers,
Ingram Court,
167, Fenchurch St. E.,
LONDON, E.C.

In the case of Shares on the Colonial (Hongkong) Register:—
Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM AND MATTHEWS,
St. George's Building,
Clatter Road,
HONGKONG.

Share Certificates must be produced for endorsement to:—
A. R. LOWE,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1912. [516]

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEEN SECOND ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Manoussin, on TUESDAY, the 6th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th July to 6th August, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2th July, 1912. [518]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TO-DAY the 11th July, to THURSDAY, 1st August, 1912 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 11th July, 1912. [519]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANY ORDINANCE 1911, AND

IN THE MATTER OF WATKINS, LIMITED, (In Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given, in pursuance to Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Com. any will be held at the Office of the undersigned, St. George's Building, Clatter Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of July, 1912, at Noon, for the purpose of providing for the said 8 cts.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1912. [514]

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Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Depository of the U.S. Government in the Philipine Islands and the Republic of Panama.
Head Office—60, Wall Street, New York.
London Office—4, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:

Bombay
Calcutta
Canton
Colon
Hankow
Hongkong
Kobe
London
Lyons
Manila
Peking
San Francisco
Shanghai
Yokohama

Capital and Reserve \$5,000,000
Deposits \$10,000,000
Assets \$15,000,000

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.
DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for the year, at 4 per cent. or for shorter periods, at rates, which may be ascertained on application.

LETTERS OF CREDIT AND DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the world.
THE BANK'S CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.
COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT issued.

PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.
The Officers of the Bank are bound not to disclose the transactions of any of its customers.
GEORGE HOGG,
Manager.
9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Mongkong, 22nd March, 1912. [19]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1840.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL Yen 40,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 30,000,000
RESERVE FUND 17,000,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.
Branches: Antung-Hsien, Amoy, Canton, Cebu, Hongkong, Kobe, Lyons, Manila, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Tokyo.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be ascertained on application.
TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [18]

Consignees

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship "PRINCESS ALICE," having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th of July, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th of July, at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 24th of July, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOCHERS & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1912. [7]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, S.S. "CHIYO MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU AND JAPAN PORTS.

the above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on TUESDAY, the 16th inst. at 5 p.m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, 19th inst., will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be filed on or before 26th July, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

S. MORIMOTO,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1912. [18]

Banks

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$1,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$1,000,000
Assets \$2,000,000

OUTLET OF DIRECTORS:

F. H. ARMSTRONG, Esq., Chairman.
Andrew Forbes, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
G. H. FRIEDLAND, Esq., W. L. PATTERSON, Esq.,
G. S. GIBNEY, Esq., Hon. Mr. C. H. ROE, Esq.,
G. H. LAUREN, Esq., H. A. SIEG, Esq.,
F. LEE, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
HONGKONG—N. J. STARR.
SHANGHAI—A. G. STEVENSON.
LONDON—BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY AND WESTMINSTER BANK LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Accounts at the rate of 3 per cent. or Annus on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per Annus.
For 6 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per Annus.
For 12 months, 5 1/2 per cent. per Annus.
N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rates may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £1,650,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

W. M. DICKSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1912. [22]

DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....Sh. Tael 7,500,000
HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS—BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, Lyons, Manila, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Yokohama.

MEMBERS: N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS, THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENTS.

DIRECTOR: DR. DISCHOW GRESL-SCHART.

INTEREST ALLOWED on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

R. TIMMERSCHMIDT, Manager.
Hongkong, 9th Oct., 1911. [2]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed 1,125,000
Paid Up 562,000
Reserve Fund 385,000

HEAD OFFICE: 40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

BRANCHES: Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, Lyons, Manila, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tientsin, Yokohama.

AGENTS IN JAPAN: Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Bank of England, London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Clients. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

F. C. MACDONALD, Manager.

Exchange

Selling.	Buying.
1/11 1/11 15/16	4 m. L/O 9/4
0 d/s 1/11 15/16	6 m. L/O 9/4
30 d/s 1/11 15/16	80 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne 9/4
1 d/s 1/11 15/16	80 d/s. San Francisco & New York 9/4
1/11 Shanghai 78	4 m. Marks 207 1/2
1/11 Japan 84 1/2	4 m. Francs 254 1/2
1/11 India 148	6 m. do 256 1/2
1/11 Ceylon 148	Bar Silver, ready 97 1/2
1/11 Siam 148	forward 97 1/2
1/11 T. San Francisco and New York 110	Bank of England rate 97 1/2
1/11 T. Marks 203 1/2	Sovereign 97 1/2
1/11 T. Francs 249 1/2	

Subsidiary Coins.

Discount per \$100.
Chinese 20 cts. pieces 7 1/2
Chinese 10 7 1/2 13/16

Hongkong 20 7 1/2
Hongkong 10 8 1/2

Opium Quotation.

June 30.
Malwa, New \$2,900 per picul
Malwa, Old 2,950
Malwa, V. Old 3,050
Persian, fine quality 1,600
Pains, New 3,600 per picul
Pains, Old 3,400
Bengals, New 3,600
Bengals, Old 3,600

SHARE REPORT

STOCKS AND FUND VALUES.
PANAS.
Hongkong & Shanghai \$125
MARINE INSURANCES.
Canton \$240
North China \$180
Union \$100
Yangtze \$195
China Fire \$182
Hongkong Fire \$500
China & Manila \$25
Shanghai Steamships \$50
Steamboats \$15
Indo-China (Preferred) \$5
Shell "Transport" \$1
Star Ferry \$10
China Sugar \$100
Luncheon Sugar \$100
Chinese Engineering \$1
Cronos \$1
Lanka \$1
DOCK, WHARVES, & COWDOVS
Kowloon Wharf \$50
H. K. & W'poa Docks \$50
Shanghai Docks \$100
Hongkong Wharf \$100
LANKA, HOTELS & BUILDINGS
Anglo French Lands T. 100
Hongkong Hotels \$50
Hongkong Lands \$100
Humphreys Estates \$10
Kowloon Lands \$20
Shanghai Lands T. 20
West Point \$50
Vanilla M'pole Hotel P. 10
COTTON MILLS.
Ewos \$10
Hongkong Cottons \$10
MISCELLANEOUS.
China-Borneo \$12
Light and Power \$10
Do. (Spec. shares) \$1
China Provident \$10
Dairy Farms \$5
Green Islands \$10
Hongkong Electric \$10
Hongkong Ice \$25
Hongkong Rope \$10
Langkate \$10
Morning Post \$25
Peak Tramway \$10
Do. (new) \$1
Philippines \$10
H. Price & Co., Ltd. \$10
Societe des Preferees \$50
Pulperet \$50
Papieret \$250
do Tonkin \$250
Shanghai-Sumatra \$20
Steam Laundry \$5
United Asbestos (Ord.) \$10
United Asbestos (Prefer.) \$10
United Asbestos (Found.) \$10
Union Waterworks \$10
Weissmann, Ltd. \$10
Watson \$10
William Powell \$5

LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.
£1.50 at ex 1/10 equal to \$34.27 for 1 year ending 31-12-11
£2 equal \$22.32 for 1 year ending 30 June 1911
\$16 for 1910
Interim of 10/- for 1911
Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1910 and Interim of \$20 for 1911
\$12 for 1.09 and Int. of \$3 on account of 1910
\$7 & 1

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

The Supply of Opium.

(June 7.) Mr. T. E. Harvey asked the Under-Secretary for India whether any orders for sowing opium poppies had yet been given by the Government of India for the current year; and whether, in view of the surplus supply of opium already consigned to China and the recent petition of Indian opium merchants with regard to the disposal of this opium, the Government of India would issue no further instructions for the sowing of opium.

Mr. Montagu: The Secretary of State is in communication with the Government of India and the Foreign Office regarding the situation created in Shanghai through the failure of the provisional Chinese Government and the provincial authorities to observe the Opium Agreement of last year both as regards the restriction of poppy cultivation in China and the admission of a limited quantity of certificated Indian opium. The Government of India have already announced that the licensed area in British India will be largely reduced this year in pursuance of the policy of progressive reduction. The Secretary of State does not propose to instruct them in the sense suggested by the hon. member.

Mongolia and Manchuria. (11th.) Sir H. Norman asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs what were the exclusive privileges claimed by the Russian and Japanese Governments respectively in Mongolia and Manchuria; whether each of these Governments admitted the special claims of the other in these Chinese provinces; and whether the exclusive claims of either had been communicated to His Majesty's Government and were recognised by them.

Sir E. Grey: Information concerning the special interests claimed by the Russian and Japanese Governments respectively in Mongolia and Manchuria will be found in certain treaties, conventions, and agreements between the Governments of China, Russia, and Japan. His Majesty's Government are unable to add any information to that contained in those documents, but I shall be glad to furnish the hon. member with a list of those documents mentioning the publications when they can be found, should he desire it. In reply to the second part of the question I would refer the hon. member to Article 1 of the Convention between Russia and Japan signed July 30, 1907, which was communicated to His Majesty's Government. We recognise that Russia and Japan have special interests in Mongolia and Manchuria on condition that they are not contrary to the principle of the "open door" for British commerce.

The Growth of Opium in China. Sir J. D. Rees asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether the Chinese Republic has yet formally adopted the obligations of the late Imperial Chinese Government in respect of the discontinuance of the growth of the poppy.

Sir E. Grey: The present Government in China is only a provisional Government, and as such has not yet made any official declaration of its intention to assume the obligations of the late Imperial Government. We have received assurances that the Chinese Government will do its utmost to enforce the suppression of the cultivation and smoking of opium, but at present that Government has not effective control of the cultivation in many of the provinces of China.

Sir J. D. Rees: Will the right hon. gentleman continue to run against India, regardless of China's omission to perform her part?

Sir E. Grey: The question is an exceedingly difficult one in the situation in which it now is. We are considering it in consultation with the India Office.

The Fighting in Tibet. Sir J. D. Rees asked the Under-Secretary for India whether he could give the House any further information regarding the state of affairs in Tibet.

Mr. Montagu: The latest news from Lhasa, dated May 28, is to the effect that fighting continues incessantly, neither side showing any signs of capitulation. All attempts at effecting a settlement have failed. The Chinese garri-

son in Tengye-ling Monastery is stated to have three Maxim guns to be holding out well. The Chinese are surrounded by the Tibetans, who are in occupation of five strongholds on the north of the city; the buildings in the south are held by the Chinese. The latter have exhausted their provisions and are said to be in great straits for food. Many houses have been burnt by both sides, and Lhasa is reported to be reduced to one-third of its former size. The Chinese are stated to have shelled the Potala Palace, but without doing serious damage. The Tibetans have been besieging the Trupel Barracks, which are occupied by about 60 Chinese troops. Twenty Chinese were killed in a recent engagement; the Tibetan casualties are not known. According to a recent report the Tibetans have expelled the Chinese garrison from Nyarong in Eastern Tibet, and have formally reoccupied the district. Another report stated that the Tashi Lama has called out all available persons in the neighbourhood of Shigatse, having received instructions from the National Assembly at Lhasa to send troops not later than June 10 to co-operate against the Chinese. The Dalai Lama is still at Kalimpong.

The Shanghai Settlement. (12th.) Sir C. Parker asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he had yet received a report from the British Minister in Peking upon the action of the Chinese military governor at Shanghai in violating the laws of the Settlement; and would he state the facts.

Mr. Acland, who replied, said:—Sir J. Jordan reports that on March 25 he received a telegram from His Majesty's Consul-General at Shanghai stating that the manager of the Ta-ching native bank had been seized outside the limits of the International Settlement, by order of the military governor, and taken to the Chinese city. The charge against him was a vague one of falsifying accounts. The bank's premises being situated within the Settlement, the seizure of the manager without previous consultation with the Consular Body was a violation of the principles on which the Government of the Settlement is administered, and Sir J. Jordan accordingly made representations to the Provisional President, Yuan Shih-kai, who telegraphed orders for an inquiry to be instituted. On April 3 another Chinese resident of the International Settlement was seized, on this occasion within the limits of the Settlement itself, and the Diplomatic Body at Peking, having met to consider the situation, telegraphed authority to the Consular Body at Shanghai to take all necessary measures for the protection of the rights and privileges of the Settlement. On April 11 Mr. Consul-General Fraser reported the release of the man seized on April 3, and on April 17 the Senior Consul reported that the manager of the Ta-ching Bank had also been set at liberty. Sir J. Jordan does not indicate in his despatch that he apprehends a repetition of these incidents, nor would it appear that the Diplomatic Body at Peking consider it necessary to take any further action in the matter.

The Chinese Loan. Mr. Acland: The initiative in this matter lies with the Chinese Government, and only that amount which is actually requested by them will be advanced by the financial groups. Far from the autonomy of China being in any way threatened by the conclusion of the loan, its whole object is to enable her to establish a stable administration and to consolidate her position, and no attempt is being made to force China to borrow anything. The position is that, if money is borrowed, it should be on proper conditions.

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POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe. Letters for this route should be superimposed via Siberia.

The Parcel Post to the Chinese provinces of Hupeh and Hunan is now resumed.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left	Due
London	Shanghai
June 20	July 13
June 29	July 16

MAILS DUE.

English, Delta, 17th inst.
American, Nile, 19th inst.
German, Lutzow, 24th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Hongkong, 16th July, 9 a.m.
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Amoy and Foochow—Per Amoy, 16th July, 10 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Malacca (Letter posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) (Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents).—Per Oceanic, 16th July, 11 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, United States, Canada, South America via San Francisco—Per Manchuria, 16th July, 11 a.m.
Straits, Sumatra and Surabaya—Per Hopsang, 16th July, 11 a.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 16th July, 1.15 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji, Canada and United States via Seattle—Per Amoy, 16th July, 3 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per Poochow, 16th July, 3 p.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Per Tanco-maru, 16th July, 5 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per Kaifong, 16th July, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard, Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Si-kiang, 17th July, 8 a.m.
Amoy and Foochow—Per Kaifong, 17th July, 11 a.m.
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Voisaiwai, Teikwang and Tientsin—Per Cheong-shing, 17th July, 11 a.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 17th July, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Delta, 17th July, 5 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, Japan via Nagasaki, Yokohama and United States via Tacoma—Per Tacoma-maru, 18th July, noon.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 18th July, 1.15 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per Chinsea, 18th July, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow—Per Hainan, 19th July, 10 a.m.
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand—Per Taiyuan, 19th July, 11 a.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 19th July, 1.15 p.m.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Aden, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi, Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents. (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday 17th July, at 5 p.m.—Per De-anha, 20th July, 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per Lungwang, 21st July, 1 p.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 20th July, 1.15 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per Rabi, 20th July, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 20th July, 5 p.m.
Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Singan, 20th July, 5 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow—Per Hainan, 23rd July, 10 a.m.
Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand—Per St. Albans, 23rd July, 10 a.m.
Amoy and Foochow—Per Hainan, 23rd July, 10 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per Taming, 23rd July, 8 p.m.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on July 1, 1912.	
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.	
Tyian	31.1 ft. below
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VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Awa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,912, D. Shimizu, 7th July—Seattle 4th June, Gen.—N. Y. K.
Chiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,350, W. W. Green, 12th July—San Francisco 15th June, Mails and Gen.—T. K. K.
Drufar, Nor. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing, 12th July—Bangkok via Swatow 11th July, Gen.—Kia Tay Loong.
Footchow, Br. s.s., 1,228, Cowin, 12th July—Manila 9th July, Gen.—B. & S.
Hopsang, Br. s.s., 1,859, J. M. Hay, 11th July—Moji 5th July, Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Kaifong, Br. s.s., 987, J. V. Sidford, 12th July—Manila 9th July, Gen.—B. & S.
Lyceum, Ger. s.s., 1,266, Helli, 5th July—Saigon 2nd July, Gen.—U. A. L.
Machow, Ger. s.s., 998, E. G. Zollner, 12th July—Hongay 10th July, Coal.—B. & S.
Manchuria, Am. s.s., 8,750, A. Dixon, 7th July—San Francisco 6th June, Mail and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.
Morphy, Br. s.s., 1,597, Uldall, 12th July—Singapore 6th July, Gen.—Chiosse.
Phumponh, Br. s.s., 1,065, Jas. E. Scott, 12th July—Saigon 7th July, Gen.—Wo Pat Sing.
Phranang, Ger. s.s., 1,011, N. C. Rohrer, 5th July—Bangkok via Swatow 27th June, Rice.—B. & S.
Pongtong, Br. s.s., 998, W. Bofel, 30th June—Hongay 28th June, Coal.—B. & S.
Profil, Nor. s.s., 715, Olsen, 9th July—Bentlin 6th July, Timor.—A. T. & Co.
Tadoma Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,880, Harada, 13th July—Manila 10th July, Flour.—O. S. K.
Tjinahsi, Dutch s.s., 5,011, Suberm, 10th July—Amoy 9th July, Gen.—J. O. J. L.
Yatsing, Br. s.s., 1,142, R. H. Anderson, 7th July—Sebastia 30th June, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, 28th June 1912.
Arrivals from China—Miyasaki Maru.
The following vessels have passed the Canal—Ernest Simons, Nubia, Aradisa, Baron Driesen, Bohnykill, Nelsa, Patsien.

Arrivals from China.

London, July 2, 1912.
Arrival from China—Yang Tez.
The following have passed the Canal—Benyue, Borneo, Calchas, Flintshire, Lutzow, Yeddo, Kito.

Arrivals from China.

London, June 21st, 1912.
Arrivals from China—Ceylon, O. J. D. Ahlora, Yarra.
The following vessels have passed the Canal—Armand, Deho, Javan, Melam, Memnon, Myasaki Maru.

Arrivals from China.

London, June 25.
Arrivals from China—Bohemis, Montrose and Ping Suey.
The following vessels have passed the Canal—Braemar, Bulow, Canlia, Carmarthenshire, Malippo, Peshwar, Vandalia and Yang tze.

Arrivals from China.

London, July 5.
Arrivals from China—J. Ford, Lasciz Ernest Simons.
The following vessels have passed the Canal—Kikano Maru, Saoria, Titan, Telemachus.

Arrivals from China.

London, July 12.
Arrivals from China—Calchas, Kikano Maru.
The following vessels have passed the Canal—Alcous, Persons, Sardinia, Sithonia, Traquebur.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru left Yokohama for Honolulu July 6th homeward.
The T. K. K. s.s. Tenjo Maru left San Francisco for Honolulu July 12th outward.
The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Nile with U.S. Mail, from San Francisco sailed from Yokohama, July 11th, between 10 a.m. and Noon en route to Hongkong via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong July 19th. She will be dispatched from this port on July the 20th inst., at 1 p.m., for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Shimizu, Yokohama and Honolulu.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Delta left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., at 6 p.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 17th inst., at about 6 a.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The O. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Montague left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong via usual ports of Call, on Thursday, the 4th inst., at a.m.
The O. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of India left Yokohama for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., on the 2nd inst., at noon.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Coblenz left Sydney on Saturday, the 30th ult., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.
The E. & A. s.s. Eastern left Sydney on the 3rd inst., for this port via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin, and Manila.

The E. & A. s.s. Aldenham left Sydney for Hongkong, via Queensland ports and Manila, on July 8.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Sigismund which left here on Saturday, the 16th ult., at 11 p.m., arrived at Sydney Monday, the 8th inst., at 10 a.m.
The I. G. M. s.s. Goeben which left here on Thursday, the 15th ult., at 9 a.m., arrived at Genoa on Friday, the 12th inst., at 6 a.m.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Albrecht which left here on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 6 a.m., arrived at Shanghai on Saturday, the 13th inst., at 5 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Sigismund, from Shanghai, with date from Berlin of the 26th ult., left Colombo on Saturday, the 13th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 24th inst.
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